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Danish Yes to Maastricht

■ The Danish voters' approval of Maastricht ends a year of uncertainty for Europe and leaves Britain as the only EC member state still to ratify the treaty

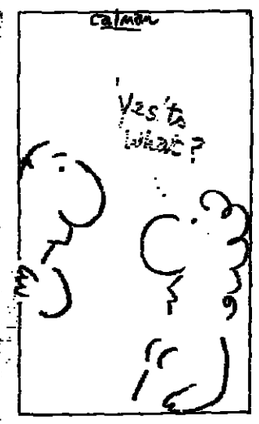
BY GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN AND PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON

DENMARK said yes to the Maastricht treaty last night, with the first referendum votes counted predicting 55.8 per cent in favour and 44.2 per cent against.

"No" campaigners conceded defeat. Drude Dahlerup of the anti-treaty June Movement said: "It's clearly a disappointment. It's a historic decision going the wrong way."

As the Danes' European partners breathed a sigh of relief, John Major prepared to speed Britain's ratification of the treaty. The prime minister, encouraged that the most significant hurdle in the path of ratification had been cleared, appealed to the Conservative party to close ranks after a period in which it has risked being torn apart over Europe.

The Danes' decision firmly reverses last year's narrow and unexpected rejection of the treaty. A Gallup survey released as polls closed predicted a "Yes" to the treaty by 57-43 per cent. The result will give new impetus to the long fight by the European Community's leaders to ratify Maastricht in all 12 member states. Denmark's prime minister, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, said this week that he hoped that the treaty could operate from January next year.



Mr Major told the annual dinner of the CBI last night that the Danish endorsement of Maastricht was good for British jobs and exports and for Britain's future. At Westminster, senior ministers voiced confidence that the Maastricht bill would be through Parliament before the end of July. The clear desire of Mr Major and his colleagues is that the internal battle should be well out of the way before the October party conference.

The Lords stages are expected to be concluded in the middle of July and the government will swiftly stage the Commons debate on the social chapter that it was forced to concede last month to avoid defeat.

Formal ratification may have to wait until a potentially lengthy court battle to be launched by the Tory rebels. But ministers believed last night that they could at last see the end of a ordeal that has dogged Mr Major since his general election victory last year.

The prime minister came within just three votes of a defeat that some of his friends believed would have led to his resignation when the Commons debated Maastricht last November. He staved off defeat with a pledge to rebels that the third reading on the Maastricht bill would not take place until after the Danish second referendum.

That vote will now take place tomorrow and the government is certain of a comfortable victory because of the Labour leadership's decision to abstain as it did on the original second reading vote a year ago.

With Danish ratification over, and only a technical hitch to be resolved in Germany, the spotlight immediately returned last night to Britain where the Eurosceptics are planning their campaign for the House of Lords debates pn the bill. Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit will be to the fore in a last-ditch attempt to win a referendum, but ministers are confident that they will be defeated.

The Euro-rebels gave notice last night that they would not surrender until the last vote in the Lords had been taken and the final judgment of the courts delivered.

Mr Major's satisfaction was enhanced because of his close involvement in the deal struck at the Edinburgh EC summit in December that gave Denmark opt-outs on defence, the single currency and citizenship that clearly helped the Danish government to reverse last June's first plebiscite.



Vote for Europe: the Danish prime minister, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, voting in Copenhagen. "No" campaigners conceded as the polls closed

Mr Major called on Tory MPs last night to put their wrangling behind them. But the rebels refused to bow. James Cran, Tory MP for Beverley and one of the leading tacticians in the anti-Maastricht fight, said the campaign had succeeded in slowing down the whole process and denied EC leaders a "knock-out blow". He added: "The leaders of the Community will be walking on eggshells from now on when they speak about Maastricht."

Opponents in Denmark too declared that they would continue to fight the treaty. As well as ratification in Britain, it faces legal challenges in Germany and Denmark.

The former foreign minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen said that Denmark's position in the EC would still be uncertain because "such a big proportion of Danes are opposed to Maastricht".

The result is a political triumph for Mr Rasmussen, who took office last January and has successfully swung key groups of voters behind the treaty. An opinion poll released yesterday suggested that around 8 per cent of Danish voters have changed their minds about the treaty in the past year.

Three quarters of those are either members of the social democratic party, Denmark's largest, or women. Both groups voted heavily against the treaty last year. The final result on June 2, 1992, gave the "No" campaign a narrow edge by 50.7 per cent to 49.3.

Mr Rasmussen was the architect of a seven-party agreement backing a shopping list of special Danish exemptions from the treaty which was agreed by the EC's Edinburgh summit, chaired by Mr Major, last December. The footnotes tacked on to the treaty exempt Denmark from joining any future European army, a single currency, common EC citizenship or joint immigration policies. Denmark's "No" campaign argued that the deal was legally unenforceable, but polls suggest that it eased voters' worries. The former prime minister Poul Schluter said that the key to Denmark's change of mind was the positive treatment it received from its Community partners.

The campaign pitted Danish dislike of EC integration in general, and of political union in particular, against the political parties' conviction that a small country cannot afford to be left out of a developing EC. Mr Rasmussen's campaign laid heavy emphasis on the importance of remaining in the mainstream of European integration for the sake of the country's youth, investment and employment.

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Mitterrand mocks low-speed British rail link

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

SPEEDING across northern France at the controls of a super-express yesterday, President Mitterrand, the son of a railwayman, could not resist mocking the insularity of the English.

He said train travellers from France to England were in for a shock when they try to use the Channel link which opens next year: "They will race at great pace across the plains of northern France, race through the tunnel on a fast track; and then be able to daydream at very low speed, admiring the (English) landscape and countryside... until the day when someone over there in London decides to harmonise the way of doing things between the Continent and the island."

Inaugurating the new TGV bullet-train link to the northern city of Lille, M Mitterrand compared what he saw as the march of progress in France with the slow pace of English trains and decision-making.

He took the controls of the locomotive for ten minutes on the way to Lille, where the mayor, the former premier Pierre Mauroy, has fought hard to transform the city into a communication crossroads. Central to his vision is the new TGV station, built at the axis of the Paris-Brussels and London-Cologne rail links.

"For two centuries men had dreamed of this link. Inaccessible England: would it be reached by peaceful means?" the president said.

The TGV-Nord line, which will be extended next year to the Channel tunnel, cuts travel time from Paris to Lille by half an hour to 58 minutes. But while French locomotives can already hurtle along at 250mph, the English high-speed line will not be ready until after the year 2000.

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Pressure grows for Allitt public enquiry

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major faced increasing demands last night for a second look at the government's decision to hold a private enquiry into the Beverley Allitt murder case.

The prime minister was embroiled in a Commons clash with John Smith as the Labour leader backed a call from the parents of the nurse's murdered victims and from nursing staff for an open investigation.

Officials confirmed that the decision to hold the enquiry in private was taken after Sir Cecil Clothier, appointed to conduct an independent investigation, told ministers of his view that people would be more willing to speak to his investigation than to a public enquiry. It was indicated that if he changed his view, the government would consider his advice.

The prime minister told the Commons: "We want a rigorous and swift enquiry. We want an enquiry that will deal with the most important thing of all: that is an enquiry that gets at the truth."

There were Labour allegations of a "cover-up" and Mr Smith said the form of the enquiry should be the government's responsibility, not Sir Cecil's. He spoke of the anger and apprehension among parents that it should be possible for a nurse with a known psychiatric disorder to destroy the lives of children in her care. "In view of the appalling negligence that has obviously occurred, why is the government refusing to have a full public enquiry with the powers to require the evidence of witnesses on oath and compel the disclosure of all documents?" Mr Major said Sir Cecil's enquiry was likely to be the most effective.

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Top profit, top increase for M&S

MARKS & Spencer yesterday gave staff a 6 per cent pay rise, more than double the national average, after record pre-tax profits of £737 million, £148 million more than in 1991 (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Sir Richard Greenbury, M&S chairman, praised the contribution of his staff, whose efforts enabled the group to topple Sainsbury's as Britain's most profitable retailer. He said: "We treat them well, but by God they treat us well."

Pay settlements are at their lowest since the Confederation of British Industry started collecting figures 13 years ago. In the first three months of the year the average rise in manufacturing was 2.5 per cent, and 2.8 per cent in the service sector (including retailing).

● BA's pre-tax profits fell from £434 million to £185 million for the year to March 31. Operating profits fell from £344 million to £310 million.

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Russia drops peace plan for Bosnia

BY MICHAEL BINYON, AND TIM JUDAH IN PALE

ACKNOWLEDGING disarray over the Bosnian civil war, Russia yesterday called off its proposed meeting of the United Nations Security Council.

The Russians accepted that the allies had not yet concerted their plans, and brushed away suggestions that Moscow had been snubbed by America's unwillingness to attend. Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister, yesterday met Croat and Muslim leaders in Split after contacting Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, over the proposed New York meeting of foreign ministers. He hoped that the ministers could meet later.

Mr Christopher on Monday placed responsibility for resolving the conflict on Europe's shoulders. Calling it a "problem from hell", he said it was at heart a European one: "We will not act alone."

After meeting presidents Tudjman of Croatia and Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Mr Kozyrev held talks in Belgrade on placing UN monitors along the border between Serbia and Bosnia. The Croat and Bosnian leaders then met Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the successor to Cyrus Vance as UN negotiator. Lord Owen gave a warning that Bosnia could be torn apart like Lebanon.

General Philippe Morillon, commander of UN forces in Bosnia, said he expected a breakthrough to ending the Sarajevo siege early next week.

EXECUTIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA
A LONG TALE OF HORROR
From Our Correspondent
ISTANBUL, May 18
Reports from very reliable sources on the situation in Yugoslavia tell a long tale of ruthless savagery and horror. In all parts of Yugoslavia, abandoned by Serbs, Germans...

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Spending watchdog starts enquiry into warship contract

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INDEPENDENT investigation was started yesterday into Swan Hunter's loss of a Royal Naval contract, which threatens to kill off Tyneside's shipbuilding industry.

Sir John Bourn, the public spending auditor, agreed to conduct the enquiry after an emergency meeting of the Commons defence committee asked him to question defence officials about their decision to award the helicopter carrier order to VSEL. After allegations by some MPs about the handling of the contract, the committee has asked Sir John to find out why there was a £50 million disparity between bids by VSEL at Barrow-in-Furness and Swan Hunter.

Receivers were called into Swan Hunter last Thursday after the government awarded the contract to VSEL. The decision puts at least 2,200 jobs on Tyneside at risk.

The action by the Tory-dominated committee to call in Sir John is embarrassing ministers who had brushed aside Labour complaints about the difference in the bids. John Major told the Commons last week that he could not reject VSEL's bid because it was "many tens of millions of pounds" below the tender put in by Swan Hunter.

Under pressure in the Commons yesterday, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, said his officials would be "more than happy" to show Sir John's auditors the figures.

Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, assured MPs that the contract was "very fairly won in open competition by VSEL".

As both firms put in tenders of about £170 million last year, the committee has asked Sir John to track the negotiations leading to the final bids. Sir John, the comptroller and auditor general, accepted the committee's brief yesterday and is to examine all the official papers on the deal. After he has reported to the committee, it will question officials. Although committee MPs are sceptical that their enquiry will change the carrier decision, they believe that further orders could be awarded to Swan Hunter if faults are found in the tendering process.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, the committee chairman and Conservative MP for Upminster, said yesterday: "Obviously, it is a matter of concern that Swan Hunter is at risk. Certain allegations have been made about the way the contract was tendered."

Talks continued yesterday between defence officials and the receivers Price Waterhouse, who moved into the yard last week. The only guarantee appears to be that work could continue up to the end of next week on the three frigates being built. The receivers later confirmed that agreement had been reached with the ministry over the workforce's pay for the next two weeks.

Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, said yesterday: "The difference in the bids, said to be well over £50 million, is quite staggering and there have been allegations that the management of Swan's that they are unhappy with the way the bid was handled."

News of the defence committee's action delighted Labour MPs who had been suspicious about the handling of the contract. Nick Brown, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne East, said: "A swift investigation will almost certainly uncover the facts. Whatever else the competition was, it was not fair. I am certain that the VSEL bid has effectively been subsidised to the tune of about £25 million."

Speaking on BBC Radio's *The World At One*, Mr Brown speculated that VSEL had used profits from the Trident submarine programme to underpin its bid for the carrier. "Effectively, it has been subsidised by the British taxpayer who has paid for the Trident submarine programme on what is a cost-plus contract," he said.

Clarke under attack at police conference

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PUTTING Kenneth Clarke in charge of policing was like putting King Herod in charge of Mothercare, a conference representing 120,000 junior police officers was told yesterday.

The fierce personal attack on the home secretary came as the Police Federation, the largest police organisation in the country, debated his controversial proposals for reforming police discipline. The conference deferred a decision on seeking trade union rights but applause greeted every criticism of Mr Clarke, who addresses the conference today.

Yesterday there were warnings that the police would lose their independence and fall under political control, and suggestions that police stations might one day face a picket line.

Mr Clarke, speaking on the BBC's *World at One*, said there were always complaints at the federation conferences. He acknowledged that morale might need lifting and believed that could be achieved by creating a more modern force.

The strongest attack on him came from Michael Bennett, chairman of the London branch of the federation, who compared Mr Clarke to King Herod. Mr Bennett said the secretary was part of a government which, by putting carpets in prisons and cardboard on the streets, had shown where its priorities lay.

Alan Eastwood, federation chairman, had supported the possibility of trade union rights. He said the issue lay in proposals that reduced the police to ordinary employees rather than servants of the Crown.

Prince endures a day of wrong turns



Mission accomplished: the prince meets veterans of the 1944 uprising in Warsaw

Tour flusters Polish hosts

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE best-laid plans of host and guest went awry yesterday when the Prince of Wales, on an official visit to Poland, arrived to lay a wreath at one of Warsaw's most hallowed memorials. His convoy took him to the wrong place.

They had the right monument, but the wrong side. A Polish soldier holding the prince's wreath, numerous standard-bearing veterans of the 1944 uprising against the German invaders, a guard of honour and four drummers were drawn up at one side of the memorial to receive the prince, pawns in a manoeuvre of military precision that had been months in the planning.

The royal motorcade hove into view. Heels were snapped, postures stiffened. The motorcade approached: numerous British Embassy Jaguars, and a stretch Volvo bearing the prince, insisted on by the Polish authorities because they decreed the Jaguars insufficient protection against terrorist attack. A pity, as part of the prince's mission is to boost British exports.

The convoy, for some inexplicable reason, veered off at the last minute and deposited the prince at the far side of the monument. "What the bloody hell is going on?" shouted a British Embassy official, flustered and running. The soldier bearing the wreath had to sprint 50 yards to a new position, and the elderly standard-bearers had to shuffle off and reform their parade on the other side of the memorial.

Prince and wreath-bearer were hastily reunited, while embassy staff engaged in whispered argument with Polish security officials. The prince's personal detective, Inspector Ian MacRae, joined the fray, demanding an explanation. The best offered was that distinguished guests laying wreaths can draw up at either side of the memorial, and yesterday just happened to be a right-hand day; the British probably thought that three days off a full moon, it was a left-hand day.

The prince appeared oblivious to the confusion, and solemnly laid his wreath. But the incident took its toll. Shortly afterwards, mounting the rostrum at Warsaw University to address staff and students in a hall that was far from full, the prince collided with a potted plant.

He won his audience's sympathy, however, when he attempted a quotation in Polish from the writer Juliusz Slowacki which translates, somewhat impenetrably: "A flexible tongue should express what the head thinks." On what it thought of the memorial mix-up, the royal tongue remained diplomatically inflexible.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

The wolf huffs but House is unmoved

John Smith entered the Chamber yesterday clad in the silk tie, conservative suit and benign smile of a political godfather. Taking his seat on he beamed at junior colleagues, adjusted his spectacles — heavy, black-rimmed — and began to study his notes.

Margaret Beckett, his deputy, was already there. She looked up adoringly but with a hint of concern, recoiling ever so slightly as the dark-flannelled Smithian bottom descended towards the green leather. Dressed in scarlet, she resembled Little Red Riding Hood. Smith, eyebrows glowering, resembled the wolf. Had Mrs Beckett observed "my, what bushy eyebrows you have", and the Labour leader replied "all the better to see you through", we should hardly have been surprised.

But Mr Smith's teeth were sharpened for a different prey. Whom should he spy, lost in the woods, but a Tory babe? Young John Major's picnic has gone rather awry this May. Overtaken by a storm, the infant prime minister has been wandering through the trees in search of shelter, but shelter there is none. The Labour wolf, spectacles glinting, caught his eye.

"Mr John Smith," called Madam Speaker. Up leapt the wolf, pawing at the dispatch box. Young Major shuddered, clutching his hamper of sandwiches and civil service briefing notes.

Now came the assault. It concerned the murders committed by a nurse in Grantham, presently filling the news. We do not treat lightly the real tragedies that occur to real citizens when we remark that in the paws and claws of party politicians, sympathy takes on a chilling edge. There is always something revolting about the condolence of MPs. The enquiry may sound kindly, but from beneath the frilly bonnet we glimpse a flash of white tooth, a tuft of furry snout.

Mr Smith wanted to know why young Major had not arranged a "full public enquiry" into circumstances surrounding the Grantham killings. The question fell narrowly on the right side of good taste: it was just about permissible. Young Major, who was accompanied yesterday by Mrs Virginia Goldilocks, reeled under the wolf's attack and began to stammer something about Sir Cecil Clothier (who is heading the enquiry) having advised that his investigations would proceed better if private. Goldilocks nodded.

The wolf would have done better if he had left it at that. But we are dealing here with a very huffing and puffing kind of wolf: once he gets his teeth in — even if only, in error, into a sleeve or walking stick — he cannot let go, but shakes his prey all about, snuffling and moralising. This Mr Smith did for some time, to little purpose. Young Major's companions on the Tory picnic began to raise the alarm, shouting Shame! Withdraw! Resign! Little Red Riding Beckett glanced anxiously up at her vulpine friend. On and on he snuffled.

A sharp word from Major at this juncture — a masterful disdain — could have punctured the wolf's performance. Luckily for Labour the Tory babe played along, writhing and stammering about Sir Cecil.

"Why on airth, snuffle, snuffle, huff, puff ..."

"But S-s-sir Cecil says ..."

We leave them there, for all we know snuffling and stammering still. Happily, this assault, at least, was only a pantomime.

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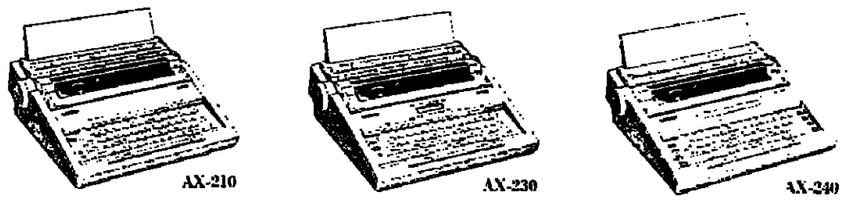
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Patten tells heads to give a lead

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Patten yesterday reminded head teachers and school governors of their legal obligations over next month's school tests in an attempt to rescue as much as possible of this year's exercise.

In letters to every state school, the education secretary advised heads and chairmen of governing bodies how to cope with a test boycott by classroom teachers. The head teachers' associations have warned him that the tests will be impossible to administer if the boycott goes ahead.

Mr Patten said that governors would have done all that could be reasonably expected of them if they took four steps: gave a clear lead that the tests should go ahead, satisfied themselves that teachers had been reminded of their contractual duty to carry them out, considered other ways of administering the tests after a boycott, and passed pupils' results to the DoE.

"We owe it to our children to see to it that their progress is reliably tested on a regular basis so that strengths can be consolidated and weaknesses addressed," Mr Patten said. Decisions on the streamlining of future tests and associated marking arrangements should draw on the practical experience gained this year.

Industrial action by the three main classroom teachers' unions is already hitting preparations for next month's tests at 14, and has halted the collation of results in many primary schools.

Child care chairman is sacked

BY RAY CLANCY

COUNCILLORS in Orkney yesterday sacked the woman who chaired the island authority's social services committee during the period when nine children were taken from their homes on South Ronaldsay in dawn raids. The move was welcomed by the community, which has been calling for action over the handling of the cases.

Mairhi Trickett was voted out of office by 13 votes to nine at an acrimonious meeting in Kirkwall. She claimed that she had been hounded out of her job. "I have been harassed and bullied in letters and phone calls. I've had to go through an awful lot but during that time most of you have sat back and let me take it," she told the meeting.

"You as a council have never publicly backed me even though you knew what I was going through. You've decided to throw me out and there's only one reason — pressure from a small but eloquent group of people in South Ronaldsay."

Mrs Trickett, who remains a councillor, was regarded as having become too close to the social work department. Her removal comes a week after Paul Lee, the director of social work, was suspended following the publication of an internal council report into the scandal.

Councillors and the people of South Ronaldsay said they hoped to be able to work with the new chairman, councillor Alasdair Thom, who helped draw up the report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Group 4 turns to PR for a better image

Group 4, the security company whose record since starting to run a privatised prison escort service has made it a national joke, has hired two public relations companies to limit the damage to its corporate image. The move comes only three weeks after it appointed a former prison governor who had no training in dealing with the media as executive director of communications.

As Group 4 took action to combat the bad publicity that has caused alarm among senior managers, the leaders of the Prison Officers' Association threatened to stop co-operating with the government over its plans for more private-sector management in the penal system. Delegates at next week's annual meeting of the association are to be asked to consider a ballot of 27,000 prison officers recommending industrial action over further privatisation.

Inmate on leave flees

Police are hunting a convicted robber who went on the run after being told to find his way to his new jail. Police want to question Peter Roberts, 31, about two robberies in Bristol since he failed to turn up at a city hostel for weekend "home leave" between imprisonment at the closed Erlestoke prison, in Wiltshire, and Leyhill open prison, Bristol.

Protest at tree-felling

Residents of Charles Street in Mayfair, one of London's most exclusive streets, have protested bitterly because a 200-year-old lime tree was chopped down at dawn in the grounds of Ancaster House, a £20 million mansion. Protected by a preservation order, the tree had been declared unsafe by Westminster City Council.

Timex protest sequel

Thirty-three people appeared at Dundee Sherriff Court yesterday after more than 2,000 demonstrators were involved in violent clashes with 500 police outside the Timex plant on Monday, where they were addressed by Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, right. All pleaded not guilty to various charges and were bailed on condition they all stayed away from Timex, and most from Dundee.



Five murder charges

A man appeared in court in Armagh yesterday charged with murdering five people, including a father and son and husband and wife. Lawrence Maguire, 30, from Moira, co. Down, was also accused of attempted murder, conspiracy to murder, possessing a loaded assault rifle with intent and membership of the illegal Ulster Volunteer Force. The murder charges relate to killings in Portadown in March last year, Moy last September and Dungannon in January. Maguire was remanded in custody until June 11.

Runaway car kills baby

A baby in a pushchair died and five people were injured when a car careered through pedestrians outside King's College, Cambridge, yesterday in front of tourists. The girl was killed instantly and her mother and two others were seriously injured. Police were last night waiting to talk to an elderly Canadian couple who were in the car.

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£100,000 staffing scheme rejected

Oxford dons strike a blow for women

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A revolt by women academics at Oxford will force the university to reverse its plans to create more professors

WOMEN academics and their supporters struck a blow for equal rights at Oxford University yesterday by blocking plans for 15 new professorships, which they feared would go to men.

Congregation, the university parliament, supported their demands for the creation of more junior appointments, which are more likely to be filled by female candidates.

The university had put £100,000 aside for promotions, and planned to use the money to add to its 195 professors. But the issue split the academic community and became a test case for Oxford's commitment to expanding openings for women.

Only six of the university's professors are women. Critics of the plan argued that new appointments would further entrench male domination of Oxford. At a rare meeting of Congregation, more than 250 dons voted by a margin of five to one to put the money into readerships, the academic grade from which most Oxford professors are drawn.

The university council will decide on Monday whether to hold a postal vote on the issue, as only about 10 per cent of the university's academic staff attended yesterday's meeting. But the clear margin of victory makes it more likely that the decision will be accepted. Although no new professors had been appointed under the university's proposals for this year, some candidates had been identified and references were taken up. The faculties will now seek nominations instead for promotions from among the ranks of lecturers.

Almost one lecturer in five is female, a higher figure than the national average, and 30 per cent of last year's academic appointees at Oxford were women. But only 4 per cent of non-clinical professors are women, and relatively few women have been made readers.

John Gardner, a Brasenose College law lecturer, told Congregation: "I think there is a sound case for the present promotions exercise being unlawful. The spirit of equal opportunities ought to be penetrating all university practices by now. These exercises are not the actions of an employer who is in the business of equal opportunities."

Emma Westcot, women's officer for Wadham College, said: "It is unfortunate that this university is putting its prestige first and being a fair employer second."

Jeffrey Hackney, the chairman of the general board, which took the decision to create new posts, said that decades of neglect would not be corrected by appointing more women readers. "Professorships are good because they confer a title which has national and international recognition. I do not accept the argument that the present exercise is discriminatory against women," he said.

Sir Richard Southwood, the vice-chancellor, said: "The majority of members of the university seem to have expressed their feelings about the exercise and I am sure the authorities will take that into account."

A national survey published yesterday by the Association of University Teachers showed that only one professor in 20 in the old universities is a woman. Male professors earned on average £1,500 more then the women.

David Triesman, the association's general secretary, said the imbalance was a "national scandal" and women in the academic world faced Victorian attitudes. Almost half of all female professors were paid in the lowest band, of up to £34,000, compared with only a fifth of male professors, he said.

TONY WHITE



Into the fray: dons turn up at the Sheldonian Theatre for yesterday's meeting of Congregation

Lamplugh sister fled airman set on suicide

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE sister of Suzy Lamplugh, the missing estate agent, escaped from a French air force deserter who tried to steal her car for a suicide crash, a court was told yesterday.

Antony Bourgois, 20, from Boulogne, had absconded from base and came to England planning to steal a car — although he could not drive — and to strap a knife to his body before crashing it, Oxford Crown Court was told.

By coincidence, he chose Lizzie Lamplugh, 22, sister of the London estate agent Suzy Lamplugh, who disappeared while showing a house to a man known as Mr Kipper.

Bourgois approached Lizzie Lamplugh, a publishing assistant, as she parked outside her Oxford home, David Bright, for the prosecution, said.

Miss Lamplugh had felt something sharp against her neck, a knife with the words Levi Eworp — an anagram of evil power — on it.

Bourgois had ordered her into the back of the car. He had asked how to use the car and she had slipped away to neighbours after telling him that she needed something from the boot, Mr Bright said.

Bourgois admitted imprisoning Miss Lamplugh and having an offensive weapon. He denied trying to kidnap her. The prosecution asked for that charge to stay on the file.

The case was adjourned to a date to be fixed so that Bourgois could be remanded for hospital assessment.

Stephens returns to mountain of offers

BY NICHOLAS WATT

WHILE Rebecca Stephens was making her way down from the summit of Everest, her office in London received calls from three publishers anxious to clinch a book deal.

And as the first British woman to conquer the world's highest peak recovered at the base camp yesterday, potential employers and marketing men started to express an interest.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes thought Miss Stephens, a journalist, had an excellent story to tell, but said that he would have to deliver a manuscript by July 31.

A leading literary agent thought that her book would do well, although it would struggle to top the best-seller lists. "I would like to hear what drove her to the top."

Chris Bonington, who climbed Everest at 50, thought Miss Stephens would struggle to make a living from endorsing mountaineering products. "If Rebecca had got out a famous lipstick on the summit she would have made lots of money. But I'm sure she didn't do that."

However, the companies that provided Miss Stephens' equipment said yesterday that they were interested in using her in advertising campaigns.

Ian Southworth of Karrimor said: "I'm sure that is something we will be discussing on her return."

Miss Stephens herself was perplexed by the interest in her achievements. Peter Earl, the expedition leader, said: "She has no idea what she is coming back to. She is dumbfounded and says she has just climbed a mountain."

An exhausted Miss Stephens arrived at the base camp at 17,500ft last night and crashed out. Before doing so she described her assault on the summit. Mr Earl said: "She said the knife-edge ridge, on the last section with thousand foot drops on either side, was awe-inspiring."



Sheep fly over fields in tornado

BY NICK NUTTALL

A ROYAL Marine was killed by lightning and a tornado sucked a flock of sheep into the air when storms swept across southwest Britain.

The sheep were asleep on a farm when the tornado tore through a Welsh valley with what witnesses described as a terrible roar, scattering the animals up to half a mile away across stone walls, a river and five fields.

Six sheep died and 20 were found in another flock by a neighbouring farmer.

Bob Bailey-Green, the landlord of a pub near the farm at Pant-y-dwr, Powys, said: "Everything from corrugated sheets to branches and birds were being pulled into the whirlwind and sent flying off." Cars and caravans were overturned as winds reached up to 100mph on Monday night.

Ned Jones, on whose fields the sheep were deposited, said yesterday: "I couldn't believe my eyes. They could not have run here, because there are stone walls and a river in their path."

Corporal Paul Neslen, 30, was hit by lightning on Dartmoor as he operated a radio at Moretonhampstead during training exercises. Three marines were treated for shock.

Britons show measure of faith

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN remains a God-fearing country in spite of repeated claims from church and political leaders that religious belief has fallen in the latter half of the 20th century.

Large numbers in Britain believe in God and life after death, according to a survey published yesterday. In the survey of 19,000 people in 14 countries, all Christian except for Israel, the United States leads in belief in God, but in Ireland more people pray daily.

Britain was eighth in belief in God and life after death but eleventh in daily prayer. The survey, carried out in 1991, shows that most people believe in God and that there is a revival of belief in life after death.

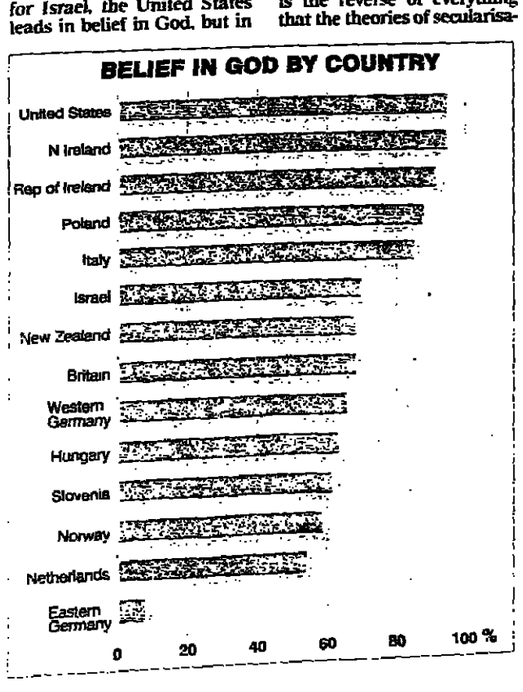
Professor Andrew Greeley, author of the report, said: "It is the reverse of everything that the theories of secularisation and religious decline lead us to anticipate. God is not dead, she is alive and well, even in Britain."

While the US and Ireland emerged as the most religious, the survey shows a resurgence of faith in the former communist countries. Professor Greely, a Roman Catholic priest based at Chicago University, said religion not only persisted but mattered. Religious faith and devotion, as measured by belief and frequency of prayer, still had an impact on social affairs such as concern for the poor, opposition to the death penalty and personal happiness, he said.

In Britain, according to the survey, nearly 70 per cent believe in God, more than half in life after death and nearly one fifth pray daily. More than four out of ten also believe in fortune tellers and most believe in heaven. Nearly a fifth said they went to church two or three times a month.

The report was published on the day that the Archbishop of Canterbury said he was glad to be part of a church that was beginning to show signs of growth.

In a sermon to the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, the oldest clergy charity, at St Paul's Cathedral, Dr George Carey said: "The fact is that in 1991 we opened more churches than we closed. There are encouraging signs of growth around. I long to see that develop further."



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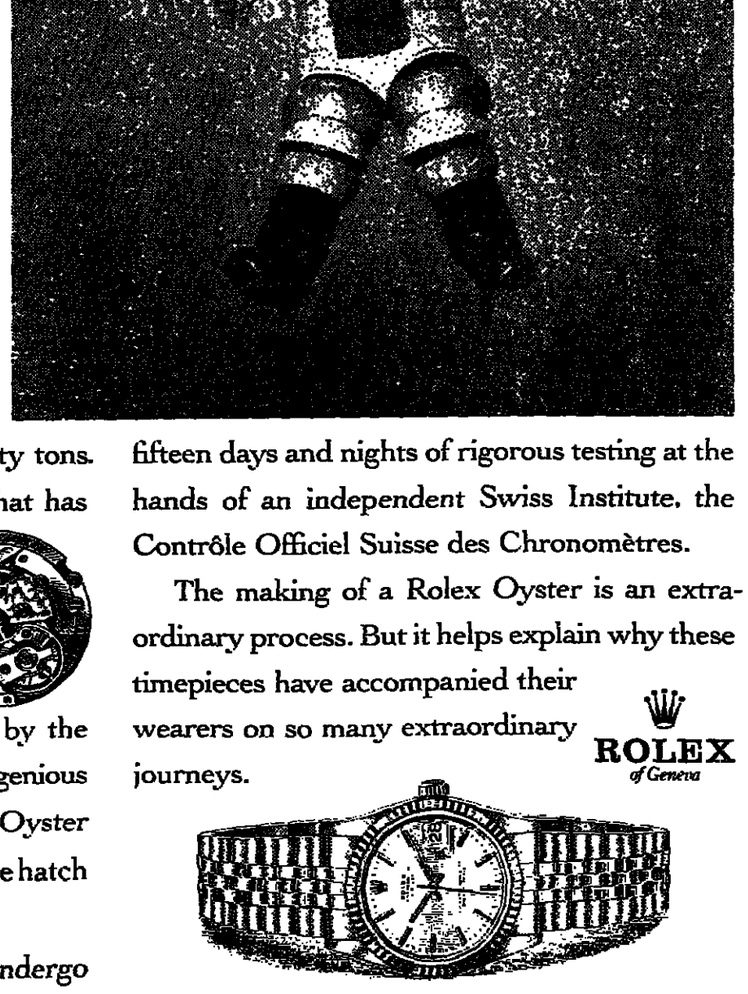
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Allitt enquiry must be public, say parents

The enquiry into the Grantham child murders must have the power to question witnesses on oath, say the victims' families

BY LIN JENKINS

PARENTS of the victims of Beverly Allitt yesterday demanded a meeting with Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary. They want to challenge her decision not to hold a public enquiry into the events that surrounded the serial killings by the nurse.

They dismissed as a whitewash an internal enquiry report on the children's ward at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital. And they said they feared that the independent enquiry, under Sir Cecil Clothier QC, would be a cover-up.

Chris Taylor, whose eight-week-old son Liam was the first of the four children murdered on ward four by Allitt, said: "I ask her to put herself in our position. If her children were at a hospital where these events took place, she would want nothing less."

As well as killing the four children, Allitt attempted to kill or assaulted nine others.

Ann Alexander, solicitor for eight of the families, said there would be confidence in an enquiry only if it could subpoena witnesses and question them on oath. She said that the internal enquiry report omitted some evidence known to have been before it. "They are covering up," she said.

The report, published yesterday, is strongly critical of staffing levels, recruitment procedures and management structures at the hospital.

Parents complained that it did not address how Allitt came to be employed despite her known history of self-inflicted injuries and suspicions that she was suffering from Munchausen Syndrome; nor why it took so long to detect the cause of deaths on the ward, even though children were collapsing with alarming regularity.

Delays in acting on the results of a blood test on baby Paul Crampton, which proved he had been given a massive injection of insulin, causing him to collapse, were not examined. The report did not address the failure to close the ward, even when the problem was reported to senior management; nor the delay in calling in police when it was suspected something was amiss.

Miss Alexander said Trent regional health authority had continually said a public enquiry was not necessary. "They must really be trying to hide something."

Alan Davidson, whose 11-year-old son Michael was assaulted by Allitt, described Mrs Bottomley's refusal to hold the enquiry in public as "cynical and ignorant".

He joined other parents at a press conference in Grantham in demanding to know why management failed to act more quickly.

The internal enquiry report criticises the lack of nursing expertise among management at the hospital and the tensions between consultants and nursing staff on ward four. It says there were not enough experienced children's nurses and too little management support on the ward.

Since the enquiry, some of its recommendations have been implemented. Allister Stewart, hospital general manager, said that an extension had opened, additional consultants been appointed and a new management structure put in place in the past 12 months.

"We have also systematically implemented most of the recommendations in the regional enquiry report in the wake of the ward four incident."

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Ann Alexander, the families' solicitor, left, with the Gibsons, centre, whose son Bradley is disabled, and the Taylors, whose son Liam is dead

Murderer holds baby

THE FAMILY

BEVERLY Allitt is allowed to nurse her baby niece while being treated in Rampton Hospital, her father said yesterday. Richard Allitt, 49, believes his daughter is innocent and will ask solicitors to appeal against her convictions.

The family regularly visits Allitt and Donna, 28, allows her sister to hold Katie, her eight-month-old daughter. Mr Allitt, of Corby Glen, Lincolnshire, said: "We believe Beverly is innocent because we do not think she had it in her to do the things they say she did. She has always looked after babies in the village and lots of parents have trusted her.

"Health-wise she is not brilliant but mentally she is all right. She is upset but she is pretty calm and has some good people looking after her," he said.

Doctor suspected illness syndrome

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE medical record of Beverly Allitt reveals a disturbing pattern of behaviour as she sought treatment for a series of invented or self-inflicted injuries. Her notes make it clear that medical staff became suspicious and even suggested Munchausen Syndrome.

In September 1985, shortly after she left school, Allitt turned up at a hospital complaining of a foot injury; her toe was X-rayed.

She suffered a finger injury in the following February and in July she saw her GP, convinced that she was pregnant. When tests proved negative she was referred to an obstetrician because she refused to believe the results.

In succeeding months, there was another toe injury and three appointments were made when she complained of abdominal pain. She was admitted to hospital and claimed to have two ulcers and to have been vomiting, but staff concluded she was making herself sick.

In December, she reported a hand injury and then said she had problems when eating fat, which led to a gall bladder investigation.

The surgeon noted: "My feeling is that the symptons are psychosomatic, reflecting

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stress in her family circumstances."

In May the following year, physiotherapists were puzzled by trouble with her hand and did not believe her explanation. Allitt categorically denied damaging it herself.

Three months later, doctors decided not to permit further X-rays of her hand. In November X-rays were, however, taken when she said she had trapped her thumb in a car door. A letter was written to excuse her from A-level studies.

She complained of muscle strain, head injuries, double vision after a fall, a urinary infection and severe colic throughout the next two years. Allitt secured treatment including examination under anaesthetic, even though her urine retention problem was thought to be caused by her using anti-diuretics.

By June 1990, a specialist could find nothing wrong with her and said she had "hysterical symptoms".

Allitt complained of stomach pains in October 1990. She was examined with a laparoscope and her appendix was removed — although it was found to be normal. The wound became infected and doctors believed it was being tampered with.

Other complaints included high temperatures, cuts to a foot and puncture marks on a swollen breast, suggesting she had injected liquid into it.

One doctor at a hospital said in August 1991: "I'm not sure whether we are dealing with Munchausen."

But later that month Allitt was given a brain scan to check whether she had a brain tumour and was treated for other complaints.

The hospital deliberately made no follow-up appointment, believing her complaints to be fictitious.



Allitt: inflicted injuries on herself

Judge warns press of prison penalty

BY LIN JENKINS

EXECUTIVES of three newspapers and a television programme have been ordered to appear before the judge in the Beverly Allitt trial for possible contempt of court over material published while the jury was considering its verdicts.

Mr Justice Latham, sitting at Nottingham Crown Court, made clear to the press that those who breached the law faced the risk of imprisonment as well as a fine. *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *Lincolnshire Echo* and BBC *Look North* will appear before him on May 28 to explain why they published the material.

They all included background material that was not part of the trial, in particular comment on the personality disorder Munchausen Syndrome By Proxy from which Allitt suffers. References to her medical history had been barred by the judge at the start of the trial.

The Guardian last Friday published a leader on the trial when the jurors had returned only two verdicts on the murders before them and verdicts on three other charges. The leader described Allitt as a psychopath and said the ward had been turned into a slaughterhouse.

CONTEMPT RISK

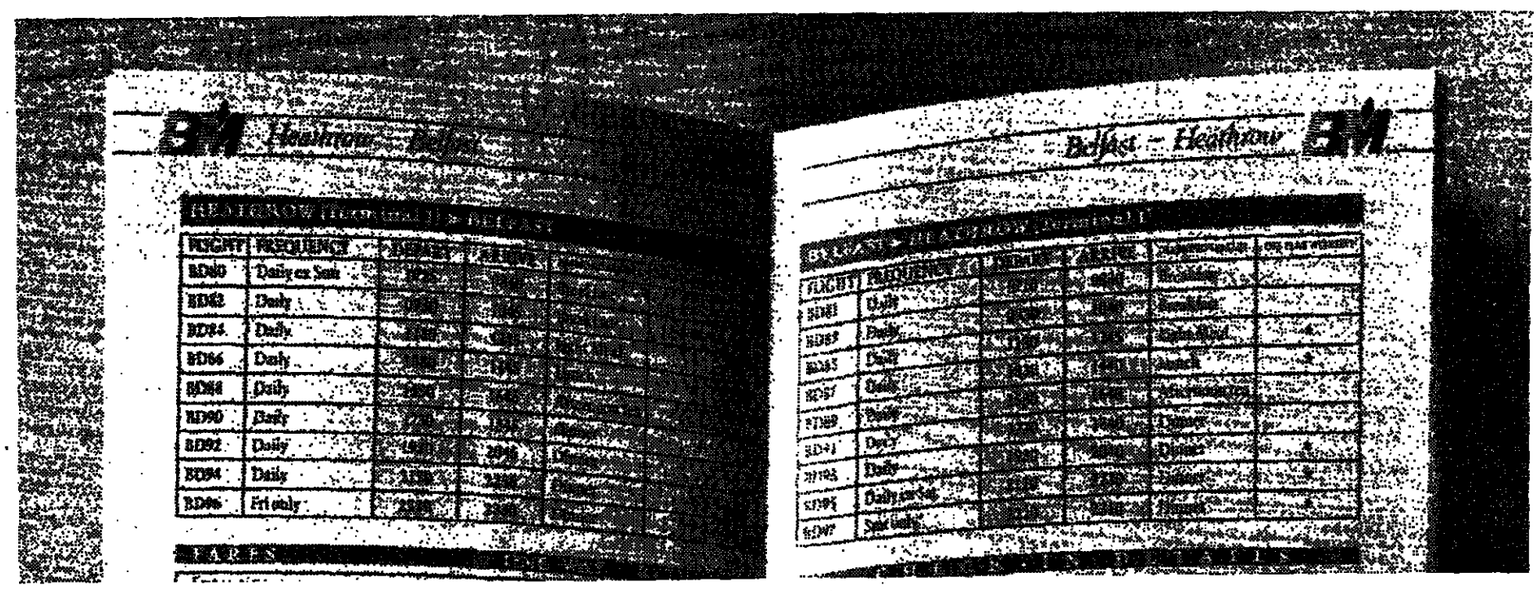
On Saturday morning, the judge said he also wished to see representatives from the *Lincolnshire Echo*, which published copious background material, and BBC *Look North*, which addressed the issue of her medical condition.

On Monday, he added *The Observer* to the list after an article on Munchausen Syndrome. In all cases, he made sure the jury had not seen the articles. He said, however, that he did not wish to restrict reading or viewing as it would only add to the strain.

He would be seeking an explanation from all four organisations. "Any reporting beyond the facts of the case in respect of those cases where the jury has already delivered their verdicts would amount to contempt of court. If any report which does amount to a contempt is published, those concerned in the decision to publish face the risk of imprisonment plus the risk of a fine."

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'A kangaroo court ... I can think of no way more calculated to bring the game into disrepute'

British chess body defends finalists after Fide threat

By Ian Murray

THE British Chess Federation (BCF) is preparing to fight a threat by the international chess federation, Fide, the game's governing body, to strip Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov of their official rating if they compete in *The Times* World Chess Championship in September.

The threat is serious, since without a Fide rating it is almost impossible for any player to enter a professional chess tournament.

"It is totally unacceptable for Fide to follow such a route without advance warning and without representation from the player and federation," one director of the British Chess Federation told *The Times*. "If Fide has formed a kangaroo court in this manner, I can think of no way more calculated to bring the game into disrepute," the director said.

Although Fide's executive council made the threat after a weekend meeting in Athens no official contact had yet been made with either Kasparov or Short yesterday to advise them of what had happened.

"It seems amazing that they should do something which can so seriously affect a player without getting in touch with them in person," said Michael Stean, a British grandmaster and Short's spokesman. "It just shows how amateur they are."

In its statement, the Fide executive council emphasised that it had already stripped the two players of their status by describing Kasparov as the "ex-champion" and Short as the "ex-challenger." At the same time, the statement made clear that Fide was having difficulties finding good sponsors to stage its alternative world championship between Jan Timman of Holland and the Russian Anatoly Karpov, who were both beaten by Short on his way to qualify for the match against Kasparov. Although four countries had "expressed interest," the statement from the executive council did not say whether there had yet been any bids and announced that the deadline for making an offer was to be extended until the end of this month.

Julian Hodgson, the current British champion and highest rated player after Short, said that he could understand Fide's annoyance at losing revenue from the world championship match, but felt the organisation had only itself to blame.

"Nigel had put in a lot of hard work to be able to make his challenge and Fide were not offering him enough in return. This was his one big chance and he was not being able to make the most of it," Hodgson said.

"At the same time, Kasparov has grandiose ideas of what he wants to see happen to the game. He believes that it should be much more of a recognised sport and he wants to do everything possible to make it popular.

"Chess is being run by a bunch of actors and not in the way which the game needs," Hodgson said. "Its full potential is not being tapped. To make it attractive to the public it needs to be speeded up and then it will be an ideal television spectator sport. If snooker works because of the colour of the balls, then chess can be just as successful," he added.

"But that needs a more enterprising kind of organisation. The game needs something like the Professional Chess Association which Short and Kasparov are setting up. Maybe as a result of this match, people with the time and energy to make things happen for the game will get involved. It could well act as the catalyst that is needed."

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MARK HUBER



Play the game: Bob Rice, commissioner of the Professional Chess Association, left, with Kasparov and Short

Players praise Kasparov and Short for forming new association

By A Staff Reporter

■ A new era for chess as a spectator sport with better conditions for players is heralded by the *Times* world championship

LEADING figures from chess attending a *Times* reception at the Savoy hotel have congratulated Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short on using their world championship match to set up the Professional Chess Association, which will promote the game and seek better conditions for players.

Seven grandmasters, including the reigning British champion Julian Hodgson, were among the guests on Monday evening. There were also ten international masters, including Bob Wade, the British national team coach. Cathy Forbes, twice British women's champion, was one of two women international champions present, while Melena Griffiths, organiser of women's chess in Britain, was also there. Harriet Hunt, a 15-year-old from Oxford who has already beaten one grandmaster, represented the new generation of star British players.

Two directors of the British Chess Federation board, Stewart Reuben and Adam Black, joined the party, although the federation itself has not recognised the match in line with policy laid down by Fide, the world governing body.

Other personalities closely linked with the game included Peter Pitt, who staged the first world championship in Britain in 1986, Professor Ian MacIntyre, who acts as physician for competition games, Tim Rice, the lyricist of the musical *Chess*, and Donald Woods, the South African journalist.

The media were represented by, among others, John Birt, director-general of the BBC, Michael Grade of Channel 4, Donald Trelford, editor of *The Observer* and author of a biography of Kasparov, Dominic Lawson, editor of *The Spectator* and Colin Webb, editor-in-chief of the Press Association.

Politicians present included Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and Sir Rhodes Boyson, the Tory MP for Brent North.

Bob Rice, commissioner of the Professional Chess Association, told guests that the championship match would launch a new era for chess, with professionals turning the game into a leading spectator sport.

Kasparov said he looked forward to seeing the game gain in popularity round the world as the association took over organisation of professional tournaments from Fide.

Short light-heartedly referred to the difficulties that he had experienced in breaking free from Fide's controls. There was so much animosity towards him now that he had been compared to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Short said, adding: "It is a long time since I invaded Kuwait."

Short said that after the party he would be undertaking strict training for his match with Kasparov, which starts on September 7 at the Savoy Theatre. He did not expect to play at all in the meantime, but would spend most of his time in Virginia, studying, reading and planning moves.

The only games that he might play would be immediately before the championship started to put himself into the right frame of mind. "I am a notorious slow starter," Short confessed.

Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, told guests that the championship and establishment of the association continued the paper's tradition of close involvement with chess. The aim was to popularise the game, particularly among young people.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Each year the Dutch celebrate the victory in the 1935 World Championship match of their compatriot Dr. Max Euwe. The celebration takes the form of a small, but elite tournament. Here are this year's full results plus an up and down game from the last round

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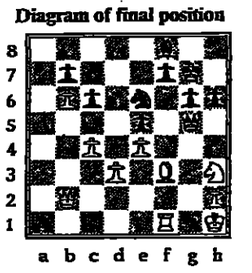
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White: Vladmir Kramnik
Black: Jeroen Piket
Amsterdam 1993

English Opening

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3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	Nf3	d6
6	0-0	Nc6
7	d3	h6
8	Rb1	e5
9	b4	a6
10	Nd2	Be6
11	Nd5	Kh7
12	a4	Qd7
13	b5	axb5
14	axb5	Nd8
15	b6	c6
16	Nc7	Rb8
17	Nxe6	Nxe6
18	e3	Rfe8
19	f4	exf4
20	gxf4	Nc5
21	Nf3	Ra8
22	e4	Ra2
23	Kh1	Qg4
24	Rb2	Rxb2
25	Bxb2	Qxf4
26	Ng1	Qg4
27	Qa1	Re5
28	Bxe5	dxe6
29	Qe3	Bf8
30	Rxd6	Kg7
31	Rf1	Ne6
32	Qb2	Qh5
33	Bf3	Qg5
34	Nh3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Dr Euwe (1901-81) was a Dutch player and international grandmaster who grew up in a chess family.

After playing in small tournaments, he won the national championship in 1921, the first of 13 victories. He was runner-up in his first strong international tournament. In 1935, he became world champion, a title he held for two years.

A student of mathematics at Amsterdam University, he graduated with honours in 1923, became a teacher of mathematics and mechanics in 1924 and gained a doctorate in 1926. Chess always took second place to his profession and he remained an amateur throughout his chess career.

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Culprits often sons or husbands

Minister acts to halt abuse of old people

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

GROWING concern over the problem of abuse of the elderly has led the government to issue guidelines to local authorities. The issue is difficult to handle because victims may suffer from dementia or other illnesses and be unaware that they are being abused, experts said yesterday.

Dr Jonathan Fisk, of Airedale General Hospital, Keighley, West Yorkshire, said that physical abuse of elderly people was more widespread than had been thought and took many forms. Research in America suggested that about 4 per cent of people aged over 65 were abused, but this was likely to be an underestimate.

"Those at high risk are thought to be female, aged over 75 years, physically frail, mentally incompetent, socially isolated and more ready to adopt a sick role," he told a Royal College of Psychiatrists briefing in London. "Abusers appear more likely to be aged less than 50 years, living with the victim, very commonly sons or husbands, in poor mental health and with a history of alcohol abuse."

Abuse took the form of verbal, sexual or physical assault or it could be negative — the removal of food, warmth, affection, security or money. "Victims may fear revenge if they talk or may know that the abuser represents their only chance of remaining in their own home," he said.

Dr Susan Benbow, of Manchester Central Hospitals and Community Care NHS Trust, said that elderly people might have accepted society's stereotype of them as lacking interest in sex. They would also have grown up at a time when society was less open about sexual matters. As a result, abuse was likely to be denied by both abuser and victim.

Dr Benbow said the abuse might occur in institutions where there was inadequate supervision, or in old people's own homes, by a relative or carer. If an elderly victim was mentally disturbed, it might be difficult to establish what had happened. "Older adults may in any case be reluctant to talk about abuse and may fear reprisals or the loss of their home or carers," she said.

No formal procedures existed for dealing with suspected cases of sex abuse among the elderly. However, it was not necessary to prove abuse before offering help.

She called for better education of health and social care professionals about the problem, saying: "It is important that the possibility of sexual abuse of vulnerable old people by their peers and carers is recognised."

Tim Yeo, junior health minister, interviewed on the Channel 4 programme *Dispatches*, broadcast tonight, says: "This is a serious issue, and that's why we shall be issuing guidelines to all local authorities."



Faith and hope: Canon Green wants the new owner to develop South Pickenham life

D-Day beckons in Domesday village

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A VILLAGE dating back to the Norman Conquest is to be sold for a guide price of £6 million to £10 million.

South Pickenham near Swaffham in southwest Norfolk has gone on the market as part of the sale of the Pickenham estate. The estate is among the largest to come on the market in the South of England for many years.

The package includes 3,600 acres of farmland, three farmhouses, parkland, a mansion and 27 cottages. Richard Daniels, the owner, is a businessman who started out making garden sheds with a £600 loan from his father. Now chairman and managing director of Richard Daniels Homes, he is selling the village to raise money for investment elsewhere.

Mr Daniels bought the house in 1986 from the Moreton family, who had lived at Pickenham Hall since 1925. He spent what the agents Knight Frank & Rutley describe as considerable sums on its restoration, and invested in the farm.

A new owner will be viewed with some trepidation by the inhabitants of the tied cottages in the pre-Norman settlement of South Pickenham, although the law would prevent their eviction. Most did not wish to speak to strangers about the sale. In 1986, when the estate was last sold, Canon Derek Green, rector of the local church, said he hoped the estate would be bought "by someone who will develop village life, revive the community and help agriculture grow". The canon's wife said yesterday that he felt the same way now.

Mr Daniels used the house as the headquarters of his company and as a home. The 16-bedroom house was one of the last such houses to be built before the first world war. The Tudor house was replaced in 1829 with one plastered with a fine Greek Ionic portico. That house fell into disrepair, and one G.W. Taylor bought it in 1902, telling his architect to "save as much of the house as was reasonably possible, and to incorporate it into a larger house of red brick with white cornice and good chimneys".

NEWS IN BRIEF

BBC pays for libel

Brook Advisory Centres, a sex counselling charity, yesterday accepted undisclosed libel damages from the BBC over a live television programme which suggested it encouraged sex among teenagers to boost profits from the sale of contraceptives.

In the High Court, the BBC apologised for the embarrassment caused by hurtful and untrue remarks in *The Garden Party* in 1989.

Eight bailed

Eight men were granted conditional bail when they appeared before magistrates at Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, on forgery charges which followed the seizure of fake travellers' cheques with a face value of nearly £18 million at the weekend.

Rescuer dies

Vanessa Shaw, 24, who was pregnant, died as she rescued her three children from a fire at their home in Nottingham. She was trapped after pushing them out of a bedroom.

Titled role

Sir Ian McKellen is to play the title role in a £5 million screen version of *Richard III* to be filmed in London, he announced at the Cannes Film Festival.

Disrepair threatens theatres

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

MORE than 40 per cent of the nation's theatres are rundown and need urgent repairs, a study commissioned by the Department of National Heritage has found.

The survey of 95 publicly subsidised houses found many theatres trying to cope with a precarious financial position that made basic building maintenance almost impossible. The Theatres Trust, which carried out the survey, is urging the government to commit £30 million of money from the national lottery for repairs.

The report says: "Accommodation and equipment are either proving increasingly out-of-date or just wearing out ... A continuing hand-to-mouth regime must inevitably result in a build-up of problems and a decline in the quality of the essential buildings and plant."

John Earl, director of the trust, said theatre managers could no longer be expected to patch up faulty buildings with "the plastic bucket, gaffer tape and wire". Some would have to close if structures were allowed to decline further. The Hackney Empire in east London requires £9 million of work; the Leeds City Varieties needs more than £1.3 million spent on it.

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Lilley backs down on benefits threat to sub-post offices

By Jill Sherman and Nicholas Wood

PETER Lilley will today bow to mounting backbench Tory pressure and tone down plans to encourage people to have their pensions paid directly into banks rather than through order books.

Amid claims by Conservative backbenchers that the proposals threaten thousands of small post offices and that the government is secretly trying to coerce pensioners into taking their custom elsewhere, the social security secretary will announce that he has scrapped the forms that triggered the outcry. Mr Lilley will tell the Commons that new forms will be drawn up giving pensioners a clear choice between different methods for receiving their benefits.

In a move that will be seen as a further signal of the government's willingness to listen to criticism, John Major paved the way for the climbdown by telling MPs that the government was committed to maintaining a national network of post offices. To cheers from the Conservative benches he added: "Pensioners will continue to be able to receive their pensions from the post office. We have encouraged them to make payments into their bank on a voluntary basis, but it is not the government's policy to remove the right of pensioners to receive their pensions from the Post Office."

David Madel, the Conservative MP for Bedfordshire South West, and a leading critic of the original scheme, said that he had been reassured by the prime minister's statement. "The leaflet from the Federation of Sub-Postmasters caused a lot of anxiety, but that clear statement from the prime minister will dispel all anxiety," he said.

Mr Madel was speaking after he and a succession of Tory backbench critics of the scheme were called in by Mr Lilley to hear his revised proposals.

The outcry over Mr Lilley's initial plans, which officials claim could save more than £500 million, followed a pilot study in the northwest where three different forms were sent out to people approaching retirement. The forms leant heavily towards payment by automated credit transfer, with one form not even mentioning that pensions could still be paid through post offices.

Last week MPs' postbags were inundated with letters from people claiming that the forms put undue pressure on pensioners and could threaten the future of rural post offices. Today Mr Lilley will tell MPs that he will rip up all three forms and start again. Although he will make it clear that there are substantial savings to be made through automated credit transfer, and the forms will still favour this method, he will also reassure the Commons that rural post offices will not be under threat from the plans. He will point out that all sub-post offices get a flat rate fee and are not paid per transaction, so they are unlikely to lose out directly from the move.

Ministers are also understood to be examining ideas for increasing trade at post offices. One idea supported by David Harris, the Conservative MP for St Ives, would allow small post offices to act as agents for banks and building societies, which have been slimming down their network of branch offices in recent years. "It would be crazy to do anything that destroys post offices. They are an essential part of the fabric of rural life and the government should be doing all it can to boost their business and they should treat them fairly as far as DSS payments are concerned," Mr Harris said.

Trade and industry ministers are now considering allowing post offices to accept cash deposits from bank and building society customers, to instal cash dispensing machines in post offices, and the restructuring of post office subsidies.



Village voice: small rural post offices may get a reprieve after pressure from Conservative backbenchers

Village shop banks on benefits payments

By Paul Wilkinson.

THERE was a steady trickle of customers at the post office window inside Mike Howell's village shop yesterday. Yvonne picked up her family allowance. Mrs Smith wanted a stamp for a relative's birthday card.

Almost all of them went on to the store's mahogany-topped counter for something else: a newspaper, a packet of sweets, a quarter of tea, any one of a myriad things from hairgrips to honey which Mr Howell stocks.

"If I lost that post office, then I think I'd lose the business," said the former military policeman, who gave up working for a security firm to become his own boss 18 months ago. "If the DSS start paying people's benefits direct into a bank account instead of letting them come here to cash their cheques, I reckon I could not survive."

Today in the House of Commons Peter Lilley, the social services secretary, defends his attempt to cut out the middle man in pursuit of efficiency. It looks like an uphill struggle. The National Federation of Sub-Postmasters has been vehement in its opposition; yesterday the Country Landowners Association joined their campaign.

Mr Howell's little shop in Markington deep in rural North Yorkshire, has been an artery for the parish's 670 souls for generations. It is not just a shop, it is a social focus, on a par with the village's two pubs. Its front window is a village noticeboard, and for some too old or infirm to go farther afield, a visit to Markington Post Office can be the highlight of an otherwise mundane day.

Mr Howell, 43, greets every customer by name, and there is always time for a word or two. He estimates that about 20 per cent of his trade is casual business from customers using his tiny post office counter, no bigger than an old-fashioned cinema ticket box. The Post Office pays him a salary based on its turnover. "That pays the mortgage on this place ... The income from it was a major calculation when I came to buy the shop," Mr Howell said.

Markington would be hit hard if its only store was to close. The nearest shops are five miles away in Ripon. Three buses a day service the village unless one is prepared to walk more than a mile to the nearest main road to pick up a half-hourly service from Harrogate.

"How many pensioners can do that?" asked Mr Howell. "Not everyone has a car out here. A lot of the locals are elderly, retired, living on their pensions. I handle around 150 pensions a week."

He points out some people still do not have bank accounts. "Many people, especially the elderly, prefer cash. One woman remarked to me, how she liked to draw her money and then do a bit of shopping. She asked, 'How can I write you a cheque for 50p? I dont need a bank account. I dont want to go traipsing into Ripon to get my own money.' These changes may be more efficient but they don't take people into consideration."

Scientists set new targets

By Our Political Correspondent

JOHN Major risked a clash with Britain's scientists last night by making it clear that he wanted them to make a bigger contribution to wealth creation. Signalling a shift in policy to be set out by William Waldegrave, the public service and science secretary, in a science white paper shortly, the prime minister indicated that he wanted a bigger emphasis on applied science and less on pure research.

The new stance, which is said to enjoy the support of Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, is likely to meet with fierce resistance among leading scientists. It is also worrying Conservative policy advisers who recall Faraday's reply when asked about his discovery of electromagnetism: "What use is a baby?"

One insider said there would be a backlash from the scientific community if Mr Heseltine succeeded in diverting more of the £3.5 billion science budget from the science research councils into commercial projects.

Mr Major signalled the shake-up in a speech last night to the annual CBI dinner in London in which he promised that the whole thrust of government policy would be directed towards building a "partnership" with industry and harnessing Whitehall's energies and cash towards boosting the competitiveness of the economy.

Mr Major said he recognised that scientists could not be "trammelled to think to state decree, like some intellectual short order cook". But he added: "Within our science base there is a cornucopia of ideas, of invention, of ingenuity, just waiting to strengthen Britain's competitiveness".

Cabinet clash leaves rail scheme in doubt

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE future of London's £1.8 billion CrossRail project was in the balance last night as John MacGregor clashed with Norman Lamont over the funding of the scheme.

The transport secretary was said by his aides to be "fighting like mad" for the project, which has been on the drawing board for three years, would halve journey times across the capital and is widely seen as a test of the government's commitment to joint public and private funding of big infrastructure projects.

The arguments were being thrashed out at a cabinet committee meeting chaired by John Major and attended by Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary. MPs hoped the prime minister would knock heads together and arrive at a decision, although no announcement was expected last night. The proposed rail link between Paddington and Liverpool Street was announced by Cecil Parkinson, the then transport secretary, in October 1990. But the go-ahead has been delayed by wrangling over its funding.

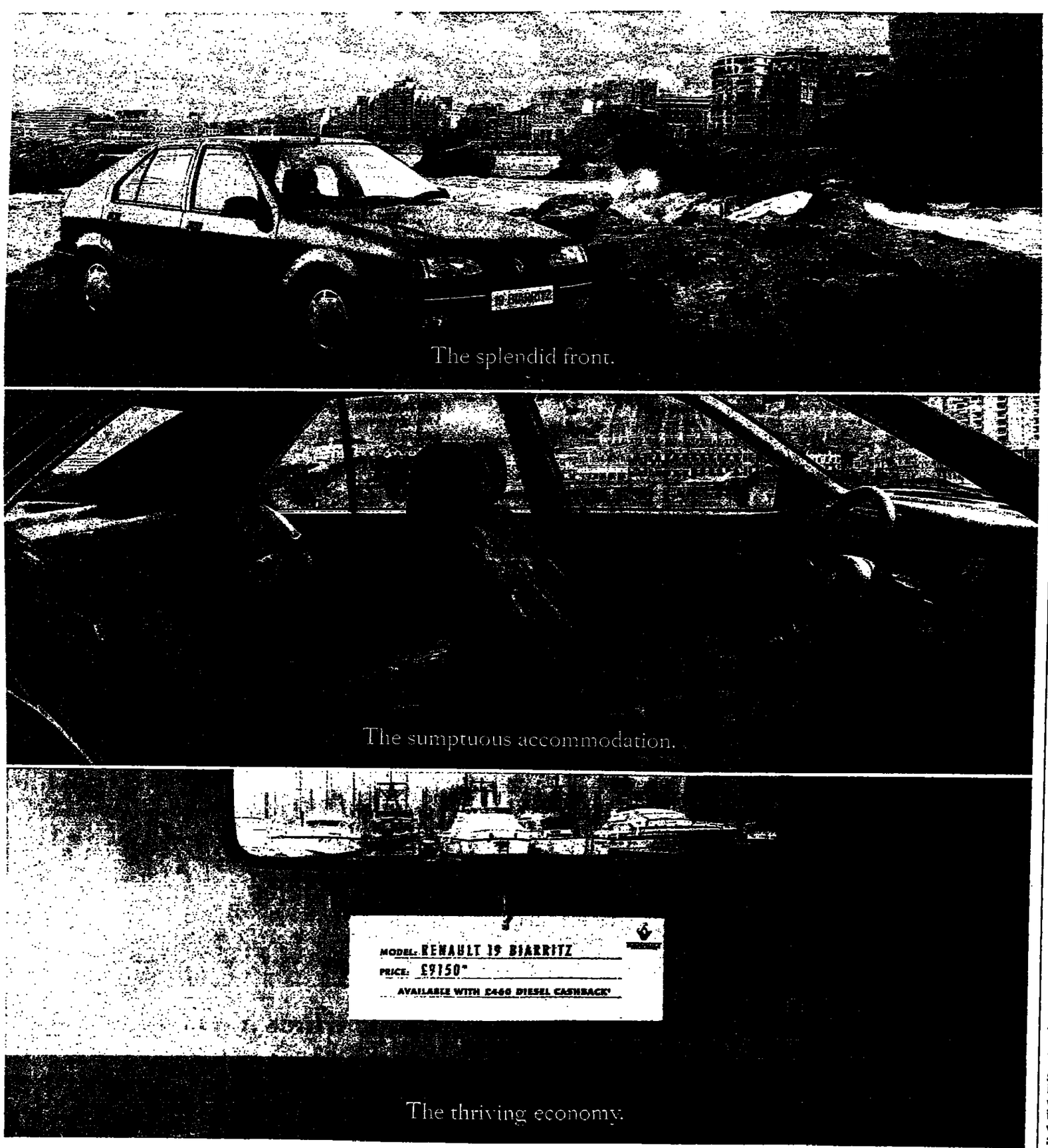
Yesterday, Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, underlined the support for the scheme from business leaders. Speaking on BBC radio only hours before Mr Major was due to address the CBI, he said: "We want the government to pay more attention to what we say about transport infrastructure like CrossRail in London." At the CBI dinner in London last night, Mr Major gave little away. While endorsing the idea of joint funding, he observed only that "we see the private sector contributing to CrossRail".

The cabinet committee meeting was considering reports from the merchant bank S G Warburg and the engineering firm Bechtel which are understood to suggest ways of saving at least £200 million.

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Electoral reform divides Labour

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S row over electoral reform intensified yesterday as campaigners against change claimed that the party could lose 103 seats if it opts for proportional representation.

The debate will come to a head today when John Smith declares his hand on reform at a critical meeting of the national executive committee. The committee will discuss the Plant commission's report on electoral reform which recommends dropping the first past the post system for the Commons in favour of a limited form of PR, the supplementary vote.

Yesterday the first past the post campaign, which claims the support of 86 Labour MPs, said that more than a third of the party's seats could be threatened if the Plant system is adopted.

Mr Smith, who is not a PR enthusiast, is said to support minimal change — either the supplementary vote or a similar scheme, called alternative vote. He may not opt for a specific scheme today but he is expected to outline the case for constitutional reform and tell the NEC that he plans to hold a referendum on the issue after the next general election. The NEC, which is sharply divided, is likely to put off a decision until July. It will instead endorse a questionnaire to be sent out to constituency parties and affiliated trade unions.

The questionnaire, which will go out with copies of the Plant report, will ask respondents whether they support changing the first past the post system; whether they support a "majoritarian" or "proportional" system; and which of four options they would choose: supplementary vote, alternative vote, mixed member system or first past the post. Mr Smith is hoping that by holding a referendum he will be able to unite both sides. The party is said to be almost evenly split, with a distinct north/south divide. MPs from the south, women and new MPs lead the reform campaign.

Derek Fatchett, MP for Leeds Central and chairman of the first past the post campaign, said that Labour would waste its first year in government obsessed by working out an electoral system. Bob Cryer, MP for Bradford South, said: "We hope the Plant commission report is quietly allowed to gather dust in the tomb of history."

The campaign's figures on lost seats are based on the number of MPs who were elected with less than 50 per cent of the vote in the 1992 general election. The supplementary vote would particularly threaten new Labour seats and seats with women MPs, Mr Cryer claimed. "Our research shows that PR would make it virtually impossible for Labour to form a majority government."

The Plant report, to be published today, also recommends a purer system of PR, based on regional lists, for the Lords and for MEPs.



Plant: enquiry into PR has left the Labour party split

Voting systems on offer

BY JILL SHERMAN

THE main voting systems which the Plant committee considered and which will be set out as options in the NEC questionnaire to be completed by July. John Smith, a reluctant reformer is said to favour either supplementary vote or alternative vote.

Supplementary vote

A limited form of proportional representation similar to the French system which the Plant committee narrowly recommended. It is only a minimal change from the first past the post system, and is not supported by PR campaigners.

Under this scheme, which is still based on constituencies, voters mark their first and second preferences. A candidate who gets over 50 per cent of the vote is immediately elected. Otherwise all but the top two candidates are eliminated and their second preferences are allocated. Dale Campbell Savours, who backs scheme, claims that Labour would have got the same number of seats, the Tories would have 32 fewer and the Liberals up to 29 more, if it had been adopted at the last election.

Alternative vote

This is a more complicated system of preferential voting but it is barely proportional and is the closest system to supplementary vote. Under this scheme voters number all candidates in order of preference. Any candidate with over 50 per cent is automatically elected. If no one achieves that score the candidate who came bottom on first preferences is eliminated and their preferences reallocated. Candidates continue to be eliminated until one candidate gains 50 per cent-plus-one of the vote. Critics claim this could let in the third or fourth favoured candidate "the one who people hate least".

Mixed member system

The only real proportional system under consideration. Under this scheme 500 MPs are elected under first past the post and 150 through "top up" members chosen from regional lists, which would bring a party's seats in the region in line with the proportion of seats gained. This scheme, a form of the additional member system used in Germany, was proposed by Jeff Rooker, a leading PR enthusiast. It is also supported by Lord Plant. Critics claim it would lead to two tiers of MPs.

First past the post

The status quo, backed by Margaret Beckett, deputy leader. MPs are elected on a constituency basis and the candidate with the most votes win.

Other systems

The single transferable vote, which is a purer system of PR favoured by the Liberal Democrats based on a multi-member constituency, was discounted by Plant. The NEC questionnaire allocates a space for other methods, such as this, to be suggested.

Boundary changes threaten to cut Tory majorities

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR looks certain to win a clutch of new seats in southern Britain at the next general election through changes to the parliamentary map. Boundary changes have unexpectedly added Labour-held wards to at least ten Tory constituencies so far, converting them into marginal, or even safe Labour seats.

The shift could help Labour to shrug off the charge that it cannot win seats in the south outside London. Dozens of Conservative MPs, including some ministers, are alarmed to see the commission strip away the rural wards which secured their victories at the last general election. Many of the reshaped constituencies will now encircle town centres rather than radiate out to include a mix of urban and rural communities.

The towns and cities where Labour's electoral chances have risen are Bedford, Crawley, Redditch, Swindon, Luton, Lincoln, Worcester, Plymouth, Gloucester and Slough. Ministers at risk include Nicholas Soames, the food minister; Kenneth Carlisle, the roads minister; and Eric Forth, the Thatcherite education minister. In most of the seats the Liberal Democrats were a respectable third last year, opening up the question of tactical voting or informal two-party deals to administer a final shove to the sitting Tory MPs.



Soames: 7,765 majority in Crawley at risk

The commission has removed around 12,000 rural voters in the Crawley constituency's southern wards, which Nicholas Soames relied on for his 7,765 majority over Labour in the last election. The change has forced him to consider a switch to the new West Sussex seat. Labour seems certain to wipe out Kenneth Carlisle's 2,049 majority as he has lost the villages surrounding Lincoln under the new boundaries.

In Worcestershire, the alterations could be critical for Eric Forth and Peter Luff. One seat will centre on Redditch, which has a clutch of Labour wards, and another on Worcester.

Both Luton's Tory MPs, John Carlisle and Graham Bright, are gloomy about their chances as their seats lose outlying villages. The changes are not dramatic for Mr Bright, John Major's parliamentary aide, but his majority was only 799. Drastic reshaping of the northerly seat, held by Mr Carlisle with a 13,095 majority last year, has made it an excellent bet for Labour. Two other Tories with similar problems are John Watts, chairman of the Commons Treasury committee, in Slough, which takes in more Labour wards, and Douglas French in Gloucester.

The commission's revised recommendations for Bedfordshire also see the return of a Bedford seat. Most affected will be north Bedfordshire seat held by Sir Trevor Skeet last year with a majority of 11,618 over Labour. As Sir Trevor is 75, the second oldest Tory in the Commons, he is unlikely to stand again.

Swindon will be split into two seats with the northern constituency looking the best prospect for Labour. Changes in Plymouth, which were finalised last week, threaten to unseat Dame Janet Fookes, a deputy Speaker. The transfer of wards makes the city's Drake seat, where her majority was only 2,013 last year, even more vulnerable.

As the commission's initial recommendations have been confirmed in recent months, the main parties' aides are increasingly sceptical about the original estimate that the Conservatives stand to gain about 20 seats from the exercise. The commission is reshaping constituencies, taking account of the shift in population, to contain as near as possible the magic figure of 69,281 voters.

The officials are finishing off public enquiries this summer into changes in the shire counties before announcing recommendations for cutting the number of London seats and the other big cities.

Ulster elections test mood for new talks

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

NORTHERN Ireland goes to the polls today in district council elections, the results of which will be seen as a referendum on the prospects for renewed inter-party talks on the province's future.

Ever since the IRA bombings in Warrington, the British and Irish governments have been trying to step up the pressure on the local parties to return to the negotiating table. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, has even claimed there is now a renewed desire across the province for reconciliation and compromise. Today's poll, in which 582 seats will be contested across 26 districts, will test that sentiment and give a clear indication of whether serious talks are likely this year. The results will be known on Friday.

On the unionist side the Rev Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, has used the generally lacklustre campaign to bang the drum about what he claims is the planned betrayal of Ulster by the Northern Ireland Office, in an attempt to try to reverse his party's long-term decline.

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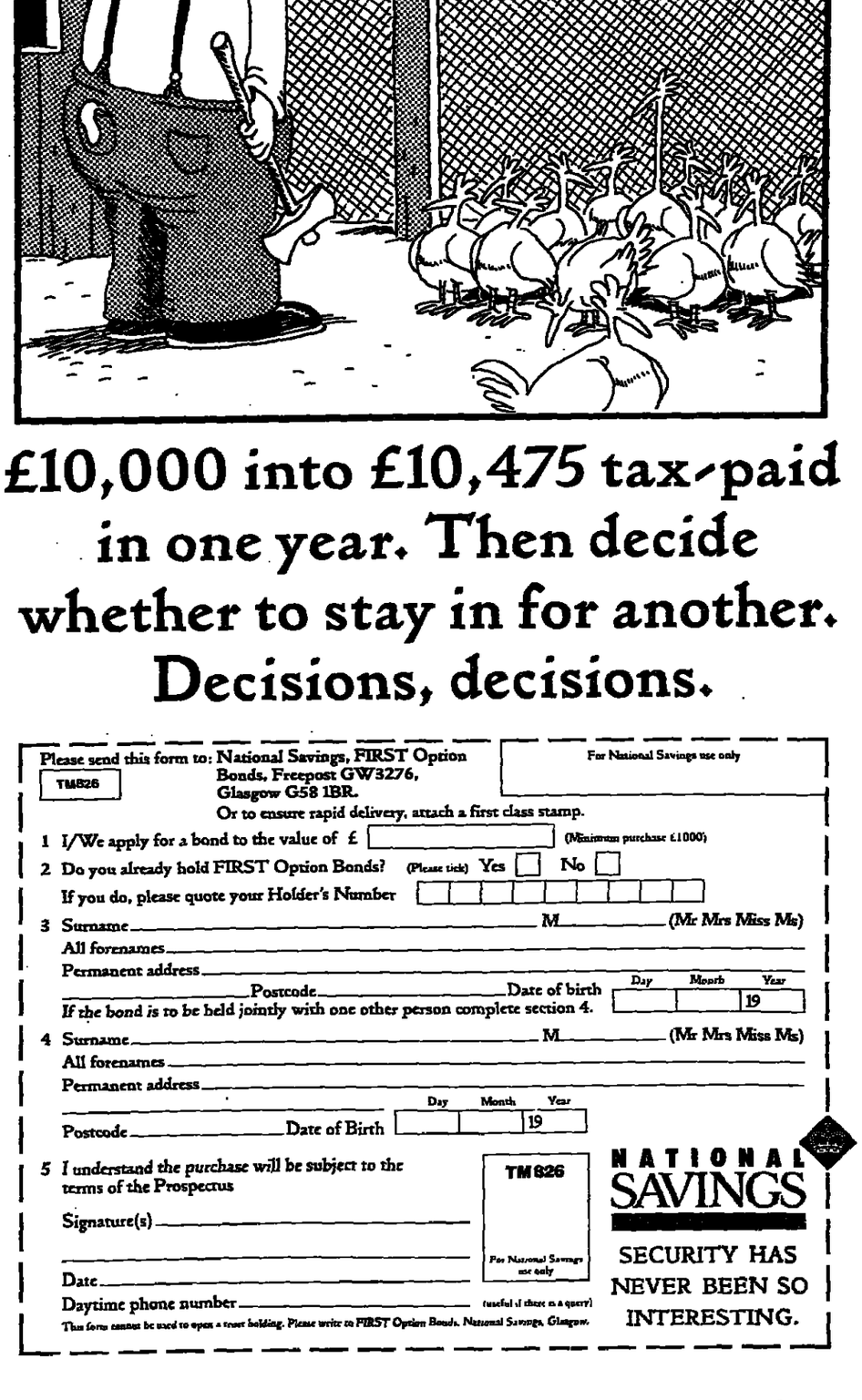
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SECURITY HAS NEVER BEEN SO INTERESTING.

ANC policy switch raises Inkatha hope of regional rule

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

■ Nelson Mandela's acceptance of democracy at every level has given a powerful boost to the talks on majority rule. A date for non-racial elections should be set soon

A SIGNIFICANT shift by the African National Congress yesterday paved the way for substantive negotiations to begin at the multiparty constitutional talks on the shape of a post-apartheid South Africa.

For the first time, the government, the ANC, the radical Pan Africanist Congress and the right-wing Conservative party agreed that the concept of self-determination should be recognised.

Until now the ANC has maintained that a future South Africa should be a unitary state and it has been dismissive of regionalism and federalism. However, a report to the 24-party negotiating council said yesterday: "It has become clear that idea of the constitutional distribution of government powers and functions between the different levels of government has received general acceptance."

In a submission to a technical subcommittee dealing with constitutional issues the ANC said it stood for a united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic state but that government should be structured at national, regional and local level. "At each level there shall be democratic representation," it emphasised.

The shift is expected to allay some of the misgivings of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party which sees its power base lying in a KwaZulu-Natal regional authority. It will also keep the white right wing in the negotiations at least for the time being although the self-determination principle will not necessarily lead to the creation of an Afrikaner "Boerestaat". A Conservative party spokesman at the negotiating council said it feared self-determination would be abandoned later.

The committee said constitutional issues would have to be dealt with as a matter of urgency if the council were to succeed by the end of the month in setting a date for the first non-racial election before the end of next April.

Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, said: "The real negotiations have now begun. There is a clear idea that the issues still seen as causing an impasse could melt away." Colin Eglin, of the white liberal Democratic party, said: "We are now developing pretty vast areas of commonality."

Delegations have until today to make submissions to another subcommittee on the critical issue of political violence. Inkatha is insisting that this should be at the top of the agenda at the negotiations. It is demanding that the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, should be disbanded and has accused the government and the ANC of having made a "cosy agreement" on the continued training of Umkhonto members.

□ **Rally banned:** Soldiers thwarted a planned march in central Johannesburg by preventing students from leaving black townships. For the second time in two weeks magistrates banned the protest as a threat to public peace.

The Congress of South African Students had predicted that 50,000 pupils would gather to demonstrate against examination fees. However, police and soldiers set up roadblocks in Soweto and other townships and forced young people to get off taxi vans bound for the city. Youths set a car on fire in Soweto.

Nearly 80,000 black, Coloured and Indian teachers have threatened to strike next Monday over a pay dispute and other issues. Students have boycotted classes in recent weeks and some protests have turned violent, with looting, arson and clashes with police.

President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela are to meet today in Cape Town to discuss the education crisis. The South African Council of Churches has also asked for a meeting with Mr de Klerk.

The meeting would be the first between the leaders since April 4 and underlines the gravity of the crisis. The central issues are a 48 rand (£10.50) fee students must pay to take examinations, and the 5 per cent rise given to teachers. Students want the fee scrapped, and teachers are demanding more money and a voice in setting educational policies. *(AP)*



Battle joined: Israeli police officers arresting a Palestinian yesterday where the road from the north enters Jerusalem. The man was part of a demonstration claiming for Palestinians the right to visit the holy places. The city has been forbidden to them for the past seven weeks

Killing of child puts pressure on army

FROM REUTER IN JERUSALEM

FARES al-Kaduri was standing beside his father in what they thought was the safety of a shop doorway when an Israeli officer wheeled round and shot at them. A bullet tore into the year-old toddler's chest, killing him.

The killing prompted the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem to warn Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, yesterday of what it called a record increase in the number of children being shot dead by the army and paramilitary police in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Fares was the 34th Palestinian child under the age of 16 to be killed by the army since the start of the sixth year of the uprising or intifada on December 9, 1992, B'Tselem said.

The army expressed sorrow at the child's death. Its account differed from B'Tselem's. It said the soldier had knelt down to shoot at the legs of a man inciting stone-throwers.

Gad Ben-Ari, Mr Rabin's spokesman, said: "There is no excuse for hurting a child. It is unfortunate and we are doing our best that it will not repeat itself." The boy was shot on Sunday in the Gaza Strip, home to 25 of the 34 victims, according to a Reuter count.

"This is a peak in the number of children killed during the same period during all other years of the intifada," B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, said. It added that a total of 221 children had been killed since the beginning of the uprising in 1987. A Palestinian human rights group, al-Haq, put the number lower at 159, although its figures did not include victims in the past four weeks.

Chairman resigns as press condemns Indian Airlines

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE chairman of Indian Airlines has resigned amid press criticism that the carrier is the world's worst.

In four months there have been a 46-day pilots' strike, four hijackings and two crashes, including one in which 55 people died. More than 100 pilots have resigned and timetables have become no more than rough guides to proposed departures and arrivals.

It is against this background that the once unthinkable option of privatisation is being considered. The government has relaxed its monopoly by allowing private airlines to operate, and to its astonishment 10 per cent of travellers have abandoned the government airline and pilots are defecting because private operators pay more.

While most press commentators favour privatisation, the *Indian Express* voiced doubts this week that this would lead to "corruption among ministers and bureaucrats". It predicted that the carrier would be buried "under the dead weight of loss and be cast unwanted on the junkheap by a public too scared to fly Indian Airlines".

All aircraft older than 20 years have been grounded after a crash in the western city of Aurangabad, which appears to have been caused by underpowered engines and overloading. This has thrown timetables into further disarray.

An opinion poll conducted for *The Times of India* showed 63 per cent of passengers felt unsafe travelling by Indian Airlines. The carrier's pilots went on strike in January to back up demands for improved navigation and safety equipment.

Lakshminarayan Vasudev was the second Indian Airlines boss to resign in 16 months, after alleging political interference in management decisions. According to some accounts, he was pushed out after a dispute with Ghulam Nabi Azad, the aviation minister, whom he described as "naive and churlish".

The seven private airlines are prospering despite obstacles erected to stop them doing well. They are not allowed, for example, to publish timetables in the press, and Indian Airlines ground staff are inclined to be unhelpful to them. The civil aviation ministry argues that it hardly has enough staff for its own planes, let alone other people's.

Indian Airlines loses 2 billion rupees (£41 million) a year. Foreign tourists have all but abandoned India because of repeated outbreaks of violence in the Hindi heartland, driving the airline further into the red.

Marine family sums up debate on gays

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

The dilemma of one family has come to epitomise the entire debate in America about whether homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the armed forces.

Fred Peck, an archetypal Marine Corps colonel who has just returned from Somalia, testified before a Senate committee last week that he had just been told his son was homosexual and that the news had made him more sure than ever that homosexuals should not be allowed to serve.

"He would be at grave risk if he were to follow in my footsteps as an infantry platoon leader or a company commander," Col Peck said. "I would be very fearful that his life would be in jeopardy from his own troops. I am not saying that is right or wrong. I am telling you that is the way it is."

Scott Peck, 24, a clean-cut college student, immediately hit the television talk show circuit to argue, in contrast, that homosexuals should have the right to join up. "Eventually, gays and lesbians are going to have to be incorporated into all aspects of society," he said, on the widely watched *Larry King Live* television show. Because of his parents' early divorce, Scott Peck was raised by his mother until he was 14, when she died of cancer. He then lived with his father.

When he went to the University of Maryland to read English Mr Peck moved in with Bobby Hampson, 29, an assistant in a lawyer's office, and began reporting on homosexual issues for the campus newspaper. His articles provoked one member of Queer Nation, the radical homosexual group, to embarrass Col Peck by disclosing his son's homosexuality to the media.

Mr Peck decided to broach the subject of his homosexuality with his family. Just before his father was due to testify to Congress on homosexuals in the armed forces, he told his stepmother, herself a Marine Corps major.

Col Peck telephoned to give his son his support. He left a message on his son's answering machine for both of the young men. "Hey, Scott and Bobby, sorry I missed you," Col Peck said. "I need to speak to either of you." For Scott, the message was that his father had accepted his homosexuality.

"I expected a very negative reaction," Mr Peck said. "I always complained about the stereotypes people have towards gay men and lesbians and it turns out that I had some stereotypes of my own about colonels."

Banda agrees ballot-box change in Malawi poll

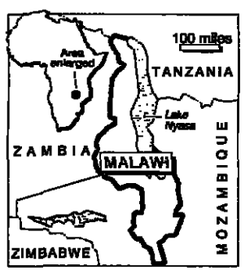
FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Malawi government has yielded to demands from pro-democracy activists that one box should be used for votes in next month's referendum on whether to end the 27-year-old one-party state, instead of "for and against" boxes.

Radio Malawi yesterday quoted President Banda as saying that he would concede the demands to "ensure to everybody that the voting is free and fair". The Public Affairs Committee, a broadly based group of citizens including the pro-democracy activists, churches and business, had challenged the government to abandon the two-box system or face a boycott that could wreck the credibility of the referendum.

While the committee, in an all-day meeting yesterday in Lilongwe, the capital, was expected to welcome the concession, doubts about the plebiscite on June 14 now focus on intimidation, which the group says has been going on unabated since Dr Banda announced the referendum.

Amnesty International said this week that the poll would not be considered free and fair unless the government took "urgent steps to guarantee basic human rights". It said pro-democracy supporters



were often arrested for distributing literature and wearing T-shirts with political statements, while prominent members of the two illegal, but officially tolerated, movements were constantly threatened with violence.

Laws meant to protect campaigners were "deeply flawed and ineffective", and anyone opposed to the government was "likely to face human rights violations". Malawian exiles returning to the country had been arrested and prominent members of the campaign received constant threats of violence, Amnesty said.

The London-based watchdog, which has been refused access to Malawi, ruled for 29 years by Dr Banda, said in a report: "Those who do speak out for multiparty democracy are likely to face human rights violations. Unless the government takes urgent steps to guarantee basic human rights, the referendum cannot be considered fair.".

Amnesty International called on the government to protect the rights of those taking part in the referendum campaign and to release Chakufwa Chihana, the trade unionist serving a nine-month jail sentence with hard labour for sedition.

"This referendum is a unique opportunity for the Malawi people to vote about their own human rights. Surely now is the time for the Malawi government to listen to the voice of the international community," Amnesty said.

Western diplomats in Lilongwe said the committee, now encouraged by its victory over the ballot boxes, could be expected to step up pressure on the government to curb the alleged excesses of zealots of the ruling Malawi Congress party.

□ **Kinshasa:** A civilian accompanied by uniformed men killed about ten people when he hurled an explosive device into the crowded Gambela marketplace in the Kasavubu district of Kinshasa, the Zaire capital. *(AFP)*



Bare atonement: a Buddhist monk shaves the head of Pichet Laokasam, deputy managing director of a Thai dolls factory, as part of his ordination before becoming a monk to make amends for a fire in which at least 187 workers died

Australian cleared of war crimes

FROM REUTER IN ADELAIDE

AN ELDERLY Australian pensioner wept yesterday as a supreme court jury acquitted him of charges that he murdered Jews in Nazi-occupied Ukraine during the second world war. The jury took just over an hour to reach a unanimous verdict to free Ivan Polyukhovich in Australia's first war crimes trial.

Mr Polyukhovich, 76, declined to talk to reporters as he left court at the end of the case, which opened more than three years ago. "He is extremely upset and relieved that after such a lengthy period of time, it is finally all over," Craig Caldicott, his lawyer, said. "He was once very healthy and is now a shell of the man I met two and a half years ago."

Mr Polyukhovich, now an Australian citizen, tried to kill himself during the case. He had pleaded not guilty to two charges relating to incidents in 1942 near Nazi-occupied Serniki in Ukraine. He was charged with knowing involvement in the murder of up to 850 Jews and with the murder of a Jewish woman and two Jewish children.

Expanding trade in heroin spreads corruption across India and Pakistan

Bombay launders drugs cash

Christopher Thomas reports that the drugs culture of Colombia has taken root in Bombay and that Indian authorities have insufficient resources to combat it

AMERICAN drug enforcement officials say Bombay is attracting huge amounts of narcotics money from Colombia, reinforcing the growing reputation of India as a centre for international money laundering.

Investigations into the billion-dollar securities scandal in Bombay Stock Exchange have revealed that drugs money played a key role in the fraud. It is now known that both the Cali and Medellín drug cartels used Indian bank accounts in order to launder money.

Melvyn Levitsky, the US Assistant Secretary of State for international narcotics issues, was quoted by India Abroad News Service in Washington as saying that India was becoming a significant cash outlet for Colombia's drug traffickers whose leader, Pablo Escobar, is still a fugitive after escaping from a Colombian prison.

Indian officials say drugs-related activity is increasing rapidly, but that the country lacks the resources to fight it, despite assistance from the United States and the United Nations drugs control project. Few drugs barons are convicted because police and judges accept bribes.



Escobar: drugs baron still on the run

Sharad Pawar, chief minister of Maharashtra, of which Bombay is the capital, said the city's drugs gangs set aside 10 per cent of profits to bribe law enforcement agencies and to cover losses from confiscation. He estimated that profits ran to 45 billion rupees (£918 million) a year. An appellate court has ruled that assets of an accused drug trafficker cannot be seized prior to conviction, allowing known drugs dealers to continue in business indefinitely, since cases take years to come to court. By then, witnesses have either disappeared or been bought off. In 1990, properties owned by 18 drug traffickers were seized: last year the figure was down to two.

India is an increasingly important transit point for drugs coming from the Golden Crescent countries to the west and the Golden Triangle to the east. Much of the trafficking is across the Rajasthan border from Pakistan, which handles most of the narcotics output from Afghanistan, the world's largest producer of raw opium.

Drugs from Thailand, where production of illegal opium is estimated to have doubled in the past five years, are sent to India across the largely unpoliced Nepali border. Most of the narcotics routed through India are sent to America and Europe via African countries.

Some border villages are conspicuously wealthy because of their involvement with drug trafficking. Peasant farmers drive new cars and live in substantial houses. Drug enforcement agencies say convictions are rare and those sent to jail tend to be middlemen unable to pay large bribes.

Drug barons, who have traditionally used the United Arab Emirates for money laundering, have been looking for new outlets since the UAE introduced the death penalty for drugs trafficking eight months ago. India's poorly enforced laws and its corrupt legal system make it an attractive alternative.

The UN has given India $20 million (£13 million) to modernise drugs enforcement. The narcotics control bureau has acquired computers for the first time and it has modern surveillance equipment. Previously, the attempt to halt drug smuggling across the Rajasthan border was limited to patrols on camel.

Peasants defy efforts to ban poppy harvest

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN DIR, NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE

TRIBESMEN with Kalashnikovs guard the terraced fields covered with a blanket of pink flowers as another bumper crop of poppies is ready to be harvested in Negsar valley in the Dir district of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province.

Thousands of acres of fertile land are under poppy cultivation in this mountainous district, despite the government's claim to have banned it. The tribesmen are determined to resist if government forces try to destroy the crops.

"We would fight back if anyone tries to stop us from growing poppy," said Amir Zeb, 25, brandishing his Chinese-made Kalashnikov. Amir Zeb and his two brothers have been cultivating poppy on their two acres for many years. "What do you expect us to do if our livelihood is taken away?"

Dir district is the second largest poppy-producing area in northern Pakistan. According to one estimate, it alone produces more than 100 tonnes of poppy, used to manufacture heroin. In recent years Pakistan has become a main centre of heroin trafficking to Europe and the United States. Every summer the government's attempt to destroy poppy crops in the semi-autonomous tribal regions is met with armed resistance and results in many deaths.

The United Nations Drug Control Programme and the United States have invested huge funds to build roads and other infrastructure to coax the farmer away from poppy cultivation, but they have had little success.

"None of the other crops fetches even one-third the price of what we receive for poppy," Malik Sardraz Khan, a local leader, said. The price of poppies has risen with the growth in heroin trafficking.

The UN sources estimate that $20 billion to $30 billion worth of heroin manufactured in Pakistan and Afghanistan finds its way to Europe and the United States every year. Civil war and political anarchy in Afghanistan has exacerbated the problem.

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Balancing act between Bonn domination and suspicion of European shackles

Danes confront their fear of Germany

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN FROESLEV

■ Bitter memories of the war have stirred Danes' fears that their giant neighbour to the south will gain yet more power

IN A peaceful clearing in the pine forest north of Denmark's border with Germany, Danes commemorate a task that has haunted them for centuries: keeping Germany at arm's length.

German unification in 1990 reawoke old worries among the older generations of the countries on its borders. Danes old enough to remember the second world war stop to look at the Froeslev internment camp museum. Coaches deliver white-haired grandparents who drift quietly round the wooden huts in the belt of marsh and forest that separates Denmark's well-manicured fields and high-tech windmills from German Schleswig-Holstein to the south. Streaming north on the motorway near by come the younger German generation heading for Jutland's beaches.

Undercurrents of concern about the size and power of a unified Germany have been the hidden theme of Denmark's year-long national argument over the Maastricht treaty. Politicians seldom refer directly to Germany — still less to any "threat" — but know that the issue stirs powerful emotions. Danes oscillate between faith that a stronger Community will insulate them against German domination and suspicion that European union shackles them too tightly to their neighbour.

The camp at Froeslev marks a Danish attempt to cope with German power which went dreadfully wrong. Germany did not need to occupy Denmark at the start of the second world war: the Copenhagen government was simply placed under Hitler's "protection". The camp at Froeslev began as the Danish government's attempt to stop prisoners being taken south to concentration camps in Germany. The Germans insisted on putting the camp as far south as possible, in territory that had been German for half a century after 1864.

While Froeslev was a haven of peace compared with German camps elsewhere, Danish hopes were betrayed. Within a month of opening in 1944, Danish prisoners were being shipped to Belsen and Dachau; many did not return. Froeslev was one of many humiliations for a wartime Danish political class which believed that they could do business with the conquerors. What one elderly visitor to the camp museum called a "very dark time" is a foreign country to younger Danes. The affluent consumers of the single market cross into Germany to buy beer and refrigerators; their German counterparts come north for pornography and model windmills. I asked a young Danish woman with jeans and close-cropped hair if she feared that the Germans would ever come north again. "No, absolutely not," she said fervently. The day before I had listened to a grey-haired grandmother berate Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Denmark's prime minister, as he urged a large campaign meeting to vote "yes" to Maastricht. "You are betraying your country," she shouted, "you will turn us into a region of Germany." The government reassured voters that they were not being bounced into a treaty which subordinated them to Germany. "Last year it was different," said a Copenhagen taxi driver, "people thought 'the Germans are coming! the Germans are coming!', but now they have calmed down a bit."

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Lobbying hard: William Cash, the Conservative anti-Maastricht MP, who went to boost the campaign for a "nej" vote in Copenhagen

Norway to resume killing whales in defiance of ban

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

NORWAY is to allow its fishermen to kill 296 minke whales in the northeast Atlantic over the next three months. The announcement in Oslo yesterday came less than a week after the International Whaling Commission (IWC), of which Norway is a member, renewed a six-year-old global ban on commercial hunting.

Oslo's decision also defies recent warnings by John Gummer, Britain's agriculture minister, and Yannis Paleokrassas, the European Community's environment commissioner, that Norway would hinder its application to join the EC by resuming whaling.

Norway's foreign minister, Johan Joergen Holst, told parliament that 160 of the 296 whales would be hunted commercially and the remaining 136 would be taken for scientific research, including the study of the age and sex composition of whale stocks. Such scientific kills are permitted under the IWC ban.



Gummer: saddened by Norway's decision

Mr Holst said hunting would start as soon as some 40 vessels, operating out of the Lofoten islands in northwest Norway, had been allocated catch quotas. The Norwegian whaling season usually runs from June to early September. Last year Norway killed 95 minke whales for research but has not hunted any commercially since 1987.

Speaking in the Commons on Monday, Mr Gummer said he was "deeply saddened" by Norway's intention to resume whaling, which had been well signalled ahead of yesterday's announcement.

"Norway belongs to an international body that banned commercial whaling and they ought to meet their obligations," said Mr Gummer. "If it were to come into the EC, it would be necessary for Norway to accept the rules of the Community."

Norway began EC entry negotiations last month, with the aim of joining the Community in 1995 or 1996. All trade in whale products has been banned in the EC since 1981. From May, 1994, all EC member states will be required to comply with a directive on wildlife habitat conservation, listing minke whales among endangered animals that cannot be hunted.

Katya Noorgard, an official at the Norwegian embassy in London, said: "We do not see why the decision to resume whaling should hinder our entry application.

"The whaling issue can be dealt with during the negotiations," he said. "We hope to persuade the EC that minke whales are abundant and should be taken off the endangered list".

In Oslo, Mr Holst said that the planned catch of 296 minke whales was well within the number — 800 — that the IWC's own scientific committee had said could be caught without endangering the north-east Atlantic stock, which is put at 86,700. He said that any trade sanctions against Norway would violate the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The biggest threat of retaliation comes from the United States, which is empowered under domestic legislation to impose economic sanctions, including a ban on fish exports, against any state "whose activities diminish the effectiveness of the conservation measures of the IWC".

British newsman held by Turks on border

BY ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Turkish authorities have committed for trial a British freelance journalist who they claim was a courier for the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party. Andrew Penny was arrested on Monday while crossing into Turkey from northern Iraq.

Penny, a former BBC reporter in his 40s, was arrested on the Turkey-Iraq border with material on Iraqi Kurdistan and was brought before the court in the southeastern Turkish town of Silopi, sources said. The material was said to have included audio and video cassettes of interviews with Kurdish leaders in northern Iraq. Penny's file will be forwarded this week to a regional court in Diyarbakir, a source said.

A Turkish reporter for a radical pro-Kurdish newspaper was reported to be detained at the same time but released later. The incident month by the State Security Court in Diyarbakir of Stefan Waldberg, a German journalist, for 45 months. Waldberg was accused of carrying documents from the Kurdish group's base in Zaleb, where it is kept under observation by Iraqi Kurds to prevent it launching military operations across the frontier.

Another German television reporter was arrested in similar circumstances last November but released after a day.

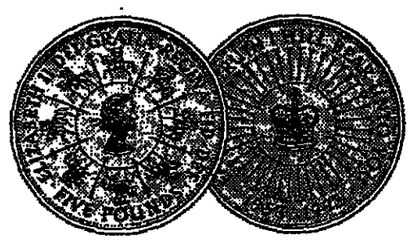
At the beginning of spring, the Kurdish group announced a unilateral ceasefire in the hopes of winning concessions from the Turkish government, from which it is seeking autonomy.

Last night no British official was available for comment although the embassy in Ankara was quoted by the Anatolian news agency as saying that the matter would have to be decided by the independent



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Serb vote proves Vance-Owen plan can only prolong conflict



Christopher: US "will not act alone"

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

THE outside world is doing its best to ignore the Bosnian Serb referendum. British, American and Russian diplomats say it is "irrelevant", a "sham"and "unrepresentative". Lord Owen called it a challenge to the world community and said the world must decide what further pressure to apply.

The referendum was held in conditions of war; virtually none of the original non-Serb inhabitants was left to vote: and the poll has neither international legitimacy nor voting secrecy. Yet the results, officially known today, will show that at least 95 per cent of the Bosnian Serbs vehemently reject the Vance-Owen peace plan. The poll has made clear that there is now no hope that the plan can be implemented with the grudging co-operation of the Bosnian Serbs — it would have to be enforced in the teeth of armed opposition. Even Lord Owen seemed pessimistic yesterday about the chances of his plan's success. He said that Bosnia-Herzegovina would not survive as a single state if Muslims and Croats continued fighting.

The realisation that the original Vance-Owen plan would have to be enforced in the face of armed opposition comes as the plan itself has run into serious difficulty. The original timetable for implementation, laid out at the time of the Athens agreement, now looks increasingly unlikely. The United Nations Security Council has still not met to pass the resolution that was to trigger the deployment of up to 70,000 ground troops who would oversee the necessary withdrawal of Serbian forces — mainly because the United States has not yet committed itself to providing any troops for Bosnia. Nato, which was to co-ordinate the military deployment, has not yet received firm troop offers to deploy anything like the numbers required.

Officially, the Vance-Owen plan is still alive. British officials say that is still the basis of all international effort. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, said in Belgrade yesterday: "What is important is to consolidate our joint support for the Vance-Owen plan and find ways of building on that."

The rumbling disagreement between America and the European allies has forced considerable modification, however. The Americans have still not dropped the option of air strikes while arming the Bosnian Muslims, despite continuing strong opposition from Britain and other European allies. Nevertheless, Washington has retreated from its hardline position. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said on Monday that air strikes could jeopardise the lives of UN forces and those of hundreds of thousands of civilians.

The well-publicised danger of an open quarrel last week has forced the Americans and the Europeans to speak with great caution about their disagreement. There is a detectable exasperation in allied foreign ministries, however, at the vacillation in America and the failure of the Clinton administration to announce its policy.

It is clear that the Americans, rebuffed by their allies and vexed at their failure to find acceptance for their preferred options, may want to wash their hands of the issue. "At heart, this a European problem," Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said in congressional evidence yesterday. "We will not act alone in taking actions in the former Yugoslavia."

President Clinton is under strong pressure to spend more time on domestic policy. Last week Washington said he would not announce his policy until after the Bosnian Serb referendum, maintaining that was what the Europeans wanted. British officials do not expect any imminent announcement now the referendum is over, however.

Meanwhile, both sides have concentrated on areas of common agreement, principally the ad hoc extension of the UN-designated "safe areas" in several Muslim-populated towns in eastern Bosnia. Under the UN resolution 824, these could be protected by air strikes, thus giving Washington and the allies a common target should the Americans insist on a symbolic use of air power.

British officials say these safe areas — less formal than safe havens — have proved successful, have stopped attacks on the Muslim populations and could be expanded geographically until they cover most of eastern Bosnia.

No Western power is ready to fight its way into city centres through Bosnian Serb lines; but once allowed in, the troops would patrol the areas. However the Americans have still not committed forces: the most they have promised is a vague offer of sending forces to Macedonia to prevent the conflict spilling over. There is also concern that the Serbs may agree to this as a substitute for Vance-Owen, simply hardening and enforcing the present ceasefire lines.

The new focus is on sealing the border between Serbia and Bosnia. The offer of Russian troops has made that more likely. However, that step was intended only as a way of putting pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to abandon their opposition to the Vance-Owen plan while testing the sincerity of President Milosevic in insisting on the Athens agreement. The referendum has shown that the Bosnian Serbs are largely impervious to such pressure.

Bonn: Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, has submitted a plan for Bosnia to Germany's foreign ministry, including:
☐ complete implementation of UN sanctions;
☐ sealing the border with Serbia;
☐ immediate creation of "security havens" in Bosnia. *(AFP)*

Bosnia left on sidelines as Washington snubs Russia

From James Bone
in New York
and Martin Fletcher
in Washington

■ Warren Christopher, stung by rejection of air strikes and arms for Muslims, says Bosnia is Europe's problem. He is not impressed with Moscow's initiative, either

THE American decision yesterday to boycott Friday's planned summit of United Nations Security Council foreign ministers killed off the meeting on Bosnia-Herzegovina and threw international peace efforts in the Balkans into even greater disarray.

Although Britain and other European nations supported the Russian call for the session, they refused to upstage the Americans by attending once it became clear that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, would stay away.

The Clinton administration, three months after effectively taking over responsibility for resolving the Bosnian conflict from the Europeans, appeared last night to be handing the "problem from hell" back again. Mr Christopher acknowledged for the first time in public that the Europeans had rejected the American plan to arm Bosnia's Muslims. He declared that "at heart this is a European problem". The allies wanted to pursue particular ideas of their own, he said.

At the UN, European diplomats were unhappy that Washington had thrown a monkey wrench in the diplomatic works, and described it as a sign that the Clinton administration had no viable policy to end the war in the former Yugoslavia. "The Americans didn't want to be the only one to have to explain to the council that their foreign policy was awaiting resolution of their domestic difficulties," one European diplomat said. "Even the Russians seem to have solved theirs."

Mr Christopher would almost certainly have been asked to vote on a package of measures prepared by Russia and supported by the European nations about which he still has serious reservations. The Russian package called for security council members to endorse the international peace plan for Bosnia, establish a war crimes tribunal, to station monitors on Bosnia's border with Serbia and Montenegro and beef up the UN presence in "safe areas" around besieged Muslim enclaves.

Washington is still reluctant to endorse the peace plan, and cautious about strengthening the UN peacekeeping presence in the remaining Muslim enclaves because it fears it will be embarrassed when it refuses to send troops, as the Russians are now willing to do. The Americans are ready, however, to support the sending of observers to Bosnia's border with the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia to oversee the embargo declared by Belgrade on the Bosnian Serbs. They also unequivocally support the creation of a war crimes tribunal. Even without the ministerial meeting, the security council is expected to vote in the coming days to set up the war crimes tribunal and to send monitors to the Bosnia-Yugoslavia border.

After failing to win European support for a policy of air strikes on the Bosnian Serbs and lifting the UN arms embargo on the Muslims, and still unwilling to commit ground troops to Bosnia, the Clinton administration, which is bogged down in domestic difficulties, has apparently concluded that the Bosnian issue should take a back seat.

European officials complained that the administration's attention was straying from an issue that has caused it nothing but headaches. President Clinton has been on the road selling his economic plan and refusing to answer reporters' questions about Bosnia. A meeting of the president's top advisers on Monday again failed to reach any decisions. One American official said preserving the Atlantic alliance had taken precedence over resolving disagreements over Bosnia.

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Frugal food: a man picking dandelions to eat yesterday in front of a house scarred by mortar trace in Hrasno, near a Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo

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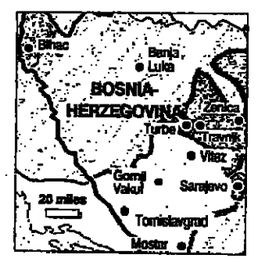
From Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, in Busovaca, Central Bosnia

MEN with Kalashnikovs and mortars guarding their homes or trying to seize territory in central Bosnia — in Mostar to the south and at Brcko in the north — provide the clearest evidence that they are in no mood to accept the Vance-Owen plan, whatever their political masters may sign.

One-third of the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina would have to be patrolled and guarded by United Nations troops if the Vance-Owen peace plan were to be implemented. The number of UN soldiers needed for the task rises each day.

The reason for what was described as a "conservative" estimate for a future peacekeeping mission is that in all ten of the proposed semi-autonomous provinces there are such serious potential conflict areas that none of the three warring factions would be ready to co-operate or compromise.

Only in Croat strongholds, such as Busovaca, a tense town between Vitez and Kiseljak, surrounded by Muslim forces, do you find supporters of the Vance-Owen package. But a glance at the proposed territorial control reveals why the Croats are "chuckling" at the thought of UN troops enforcing the Vance-Owen map.



Busovaca, a town of 5,000 Croats and 1,000 Muslims, would be in province 10, which also includes Vitez, growing more tense every day, Travnik, where the Muslims are in the majority, and Gornji Vakuf, a potboiler of hatred.

Under Vance-Owen, the Muslim areas remaining in province 10 would be demilitarised. But the memory of Ahmici, where 96 charred and butchered Muslim bodies were discovered earlier this month, has made every Muslim family tremble at the thought of living in a Croat-controlled province.

The Croats, too, can cite atrocities they have suffered at the hands of the Muslims. At Miletici, northwest of Vitez, on April 25 five Croat male bodies were found, two of them in a sitting position, indicating they had been killed by a grenade.

Colonel Dario Kordic, vice-president of the Croat HVO government of Herzegovina and a leading Croat figure in central Bosnia, said: "Vance-Owen is still alive. From the first day, we saw it as a rational plan for living together in Herzegovina."

Truce negotiations helped by lull in fighting

From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

FIGHTING across Bosnia-Herzegovina largely subsided yesterday as political leaders met in the southwest of the republic to try to work out a lasting truce between nominally allied rebel Croat forces and the Bosnian army.

Most of Bosnia was quiet, including the capital, Sarajevo, which has been unusually calm for two weeks. Western military analysts said that rebel Serbs had moved some of their artillery and tanks from round the city several weeks ago to assist in their assaults on the east Bosnian towns of Srebrenica and Zepa.

While reports from Mostar suggested that fighting had waned since yesterday with only small-arms firing reported, Croat-Muslim tensions continued to simmer in central Bosnia in what may become a new outbreak of fighting.

Bosnian radio reported that the town of Konjic was coming under intermittent shell and sniper fire from both Serb and Croat positions. Around Travnik and Vitez, Western military analysts say rebel Croat and Bosnian army forces appear to be preparing for another battle.

Last month there was heavy fighting in the area and thousands of Muslims were expelled from their homes by rebel Croat troops. A battalion of British UN troops headquartered in the area could again be caught in the crossfire if clashes start.

In eastern Bosnia, rebel Serbs began allowing aid convoys to reach the UN-declared "safe areas" of Srebrenica and Zepa. The Bosnian Serb military commander, General Ratko Mladic, cut off relief convoys last Wednesday to pressure the UN into expediting the disarming of Muslim defenders in two of the three remaining eastern enclaves.

A UN convoy is scheduled to go to the last intact Muslim pocket, Gorazde, today. Some 40,000 civilians remain in the community, which has received only a handful of food convoys in a year of siege.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guerrillas battle for Kabul

Kabul: Dozens of casualties swamped Kabul's already crowded hospitals as government troops and their guerrilla foes fought to break a stalemate in the Afghan capital. Government jets made at least eight bombing runs on positions of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the hardline rebel leader in southern Kabul, as his rockets pounded the city.

Fierce rocket and artillery fire was concentrated around a strategic road junction near the centre of the battered capital where troops loyal to the Islamic coalition government were fighting off a new offensive. *(Reuter)*

Poll victory

Colombo: Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party claimed victory in regional elections. The poll was peaceful despite campaign violence and the assassination of President Premadasa. *(Reuter)*

Siege honour

Paris: Laurence Dreyfus, the teacher who amused and comforted her pupils during the weekend hostage drama at Neuilly-sur-Seine, near Paris, has been awarded the Unesco human rights medal.

Aids silence

Bangkok: Doctors in northern Thailand are refusing to tell mothers with the HIV virus about their condition to try to stem an epidemic of baby abandonment, *The Nation* reported. *(Reuter)*

Closer ties

Delhi: India and Israel have cemented ties during a two-day official visit to Delhi by Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister. The two countries established diplomatic relations last year. *(AP)*

Ports hit

Madrid: Most of Spain's ports were hit by a 24-hour strike as about 14,500 workers walked out to protest against government attempts to privatise ports. *(Reuter)*

Refugees die

Nairobi: Seven bodies have been recovered and 47 people were missing and feared drowned after a dhow taking Somali refugees home capsized off Mombasa. *(Reuter)*

Strike wanes

Berlin: The engineering strike in eastern Germany neared its end as workers in four states agreed to settle their wage dispute. Metalworkers elsewhere will fight on. *(Reuter)*

Home alone

Tokyo: Emperor Akihito failed to attend a traditional Shinto ceremony to mark the formal opening of his new £29-million home. *(Reuter)*

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Setback for Yeltsin as judges bring coup trial to a halt

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

The Soviet coup plotters have been gladdened by the latest trial adjournment. The Russian president may see little point in pushing on with a judicial fiasco

THE trial of 12 former Soviet officials accused of plotting the coup against President Gorbachev in August 1991 was suspended indefinitely yesterday after the judges ordered the dismissal of the prosecuting team because of "serious violations" of legal procedure by Valentin Stepankov, the prosecutor-general.

The move came only hours after the court had reconvened after a month's recess due to the illness of a minor defendant and this second unsuccessful attempt to start the trial throws into doubt whether it will be continued at all. The hearing has lasted less than four full days in total since it began last month and it was adjourned yesterday before any evidence could be heard.

The judges ruled that the publication by Mr Stepankov of a book, *Kremlin Plot*, portrayed the defendants as criminals before the illegality of their actions had been established by a court and had biased public opinion.

They said that they would ask the Russian parliament to debate the violations of procedure and consider whether the impartiality of the prosecuting team could be assured in any further hearing. Surrounded by supporters outside the court, the defendants welcomed the adjournment but said that they would seek a full and final suspension of the trial to clear their names. Anatoli Lukyanov, former chairman of the Supreme Soviet and once a close associate of Mr Gorbachev, described the decision as "a first small victory for justice".

The seizure of power from Mr Gorbachev devised by Vladimir Kryuchkov, then KGB chief, and led as figurehead by Vice-President Gennadi Yanayev, helped by Valentin Pavlov, who was then prime minister, Mr Lukyanov and other leading figures from the Communist party apparatus was defeated, but it led to the fall first of Mr Gorbachev and then of the Soviet Union.

The long delay in bringing the coup's initiators to trial has sapped public interest in their fate. The men were being tried by a military bench of the supreme court and charged according to the old Soviet code with "betraying the motherland", an offence that is still punishable by death.

Their lawyers made a concerted effort from the beginning of yesterday's hearing to press home objections to the prosecution team and its methods. Mr Pavlov's lawyer told the court that the very title of Mr Stepankov's book was proof that he had not been objective in preparing the trial.

The pre-trial publication of information about the background of the alleged crime was a legal mistake unthinkable in the West and it may have heralded the end of any serious attempt to secure convictions.

The Russian parliament into whose hands the fate of any future trial has been delivered is dominated by conservatives who perceive the attempts to prosecute the plotters as the pet cause of Mr Yeltsin, their sworn enemy. They are unlikely to seize the challenge of relaunching the case with much vigour. Ties between unrepentant communists and the parliamentary opposition have become closer as the legislature's conflict with the presidency has sharpened. After two false starts and a legal fiasco that has done nothing to improve the international reputation of Russian justice, Mr Yeltsin may also feel that there is little point in continuing to support a trial, especially as the marked indifference of most people promises to bring him scant political reward from it.

The plotters, at first disdained by most Russians as much for their bumbling incompetence during the coup as for their revisionist aims have undergone a gradual rehabilitation and many of them have latched on to opposition to Mr Yeltsin and disillusionment with his economic reforms to give themselves a new public platform. Mr Lukyanov, for example, has begun to address crowds of anti-reform demonstrators.

Tajik disaster

Geneva: Heavy rains in Tajikistan have caused severe economic and agricultural damage and made about 35,000 people homeless, the United Nations said yesterday. A fifth of the former Soviet republic's 19 districts were declared disaster zones after heavy rains and gales caused flooding and mudslides, the UN Department for Humanitarian Affairs said. *(Reuter)*



Popular appeal: Cambodian women showing their support for candidates campaigning for the Liberal Democratic Party yesterday during a rally in Phnom Penh. The first democratic elections for two decades are due to be held in Cambodia from Sunday until the following Friday

Foreign Office adviser's visit comes at delicate time

Cradock's Peking trip riles Patten

***Jonathan Mirsky**, East Asia editor, explains why a Peking visit by Sir Percy Cradock, former British ambassador, has upset the apple cart in Hong Kong*

SIR Percy Cradock, one of the Foreign Office's most celebrated sinologists and an outspoken critic of Hong Kong's governor, Chris Patten, has enraged Whitehall and Hong Kong officials by declaring that he intends to visit Peking during a sensitive moment in Anglo-Chinese relations.

Until his recent retirement Sir Percy was intelligence coordinator for both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and before that served as ambassador in Peking. He is passing through Hong Kong on Sunday on his way to Shanghai and Peking, where he is due on May 27, shortly after the critical third round of Anglo-Chinese negotiations on Mr Patten's proposals for constitutional change, which begin on Friday.

Sir Percy has described the Patten plan for moderate democracy in Hong Kong as "fatal" and warned that China will react harshly against what it — and Sir Percy — regard as a betrayal of past agreements, in which Sir Percy played a central role. "We aren't in a chancery court now", Sir Percy said recently. "The Chinese will do what they want."

While in Peking he will be entertained by the British ambassador, Sir Robin McLaren, who arrives in Hong Kong today to consult Mr Patten and Sir John Coles, the senior Foreign Office official with direct responsibility for Hong Kong-China relations.

More infuriating to the Foreign Office and to Government House here is Sir Percy's invitation to lunch with Jiang Enzhu, deputy prime minister and Sir Robin's opposite number in the negotiations. Peking has spoken approvingly of Sir Percy's criticism of the Patten plan, and he will be listened to attentively. "We regard this as a bad timing, most unfortunate," a Whitehall source observed yesterday. Another said: "As the Chinese might have said, 'A wise man knows when to remain silent'."

It is suspected in Hong Kong that the governor, who is remaining silent on the Cradock trip and will not receive him during his stopover, is unhappy about the journey, is not pleased about Sir Percy's reception in the Peking embassy during the period, and is probably irritated that Sir Percy will be entertained by old Foreign Office colleagues serving in Hong Kong, whose job is to advise and support the governor.

Sir Percy insists he is on a business trip and bears no messages from London. He is on the board of Kleinwort Benson, for whom he will be acting in Shanghai, and it is not strange that he will be seeing Sir Robin McLaren, "an old friend of long standing".

Sir Percy has been quoted in the *South China Morning Post* as insisting: "There is no secret agenda and I am going in an entirely private capacity ... this is not another one of those secret visits."

This may have been a reference to Sir Percy's two secret trips to Peking at previous times of crisis. The first was in late 1989, only months after the Tiananmen killings, when Sir Percy was reported to have told Chinese leaders that lines to Britain remained open. The second paved the way for Mr Major to travel to Peking.

UN issues Cambodia poll threat

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN PHNOM PENH

THE United Nations threatened yesterday to disqualify any candidates who disrupted Cambodia's elections and ordered its peacekeepers off the streets at night as a security precaution.

Yasushi Akashi, the UN mission chief, issued "a solemn warning to all Cambodians who oppose the holding of free and fair elections through violence, intimidation, harassment and manipulation". There are widespread fears that the polls, Cambodia's first multiparty elections in two decades, could be sabotaged by Khmer Rouge attacks and violence by the Phnom Penh government. The elections, due to start on Sunday, have been organised by the UN.

Winston Lord, the State Department official who arrived yesterday, said America would do what it could to achieve free and fair elections.

Arrest of fugitive heartens Rome in its war on Mafia

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AFTER the arrest yesterday of Benedetto "Nitto" Santapaola, the most wanted mafioso in Italy, the authorities have suggested for the first time in years that they might be gaining the upper hand in the long war against Cosa Nostra.

"Mafiosi can no longer sleep in peace in their own homes, in their own territory," said Gianni De Gennaro, the head of the Direzione Investigativa Anti-Mafia, a new unit formed to combat organised crime.

Special police flown in from the mainland dropped from helicopters and stormed a farmhouse 50 miles from Catania where Signor Santapaola, 54, was sleeping with his wife, Grazia. He had a pistol on his bedside table but he was given no time to use it.

Signor Santapaola had been on the run since 1982 from charges on a series of crimes including the murder in 1982 in Palermo of General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the carabinieri commander sent to Sicily to eradicate the mob. Signor Santapaola was the reputed right-hand man of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, Cosa Nostra's "boss of bosses", who was captured in January.

Nicola Mancino, the interior minister, said that investigators "must not rest on their laurels". There was satisfaction at the breakthrough, however, as Italy began paying tribute to the memory of Giovanni Falcone, the magistrate killed by the Mafia on May 23 last year with his wife, Francesca, and three police bodyguards. "This is an event of extraordinary importance that confirms the determination and dedication with which we are fighting organised crime," Vincenzo Parisi, the national police commander, said.



Santapaola: arrested with comparative ease

A series of defeats for Cosa Nostra in recent months may be linked to the mob losing political protection, criminologists say. Last week the senate decided to lift the parliamentary immunity from prosecution of Giulio Andreotti, the Christian Democrat elder statesman, so that he can be investigated and eventually face trial on charges of protecting the Mafia.

The ease with which Signor Santapaola was captured raises suspicions that he had enjoyed high-level protection. Nevertheless, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, hailed the arrest as a brilliant operation.

According to evidence from two supergrasses, Signor Santapaola is a member of the *cupola*, or ruling commission, of Cosa Nostra in Sicily. He repeatedly escaped other police hunts for him, including one raid in 1989 when his brother-in-law, Giuseppe Ercolano, also on the run at the time, gave himself up so that Signor Santapaola could make a getaway by crawling through an irrigation pipe.

Until he was 35, Signor Santapaola was unknown nationally, working as a travelling shoe salesman while running an extortion gang in Catania. He invested protection money in legitimate businesses, eliminated his rivals and became the main link between the old-style Mafia in Palermo and the violent Catania underworld.

Signor Parisi, who last weekend described the Mafia as a "hunted animal", said that a car bomb attack in Rome on Friday night apparently designed to kill Maurizio Costanzo, a popular television presenter who has campaigned against the Mafia, was a sign that Cosa Nostra might try to operate outside its traditional Sicilian territory to fight back against the state.

Thyssen art treasures 'to stay in Spain'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MADRID

BARON Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza and Spanish authorities have reached an agreement that will keep the Swiss magnate's prized art collection in Spain permanently.

Spain will pay a token price of about £195 million for the baron's 788-piece collection, which has been valued at £1.2 billion, the daily *El Pais* reported yesterday. Ruth Zauner, a spokeswoman for the Thyssen Foundation in Madrid, refused to comment on the report.

The collection, considered the world's second-largest private collection of paintings after that of the Queen, was moved into the refurbished Villahermosa Palace in Madrid in October under a nine-year year loan agreement. Since then, the German-born baron has lent the Thyssen Museum another 150 works that are not part of the present negotiations, Ms Zauner said.

The collection, which together with the Prado and the Reina Sofia Modern Art Centre make up Madrid's "Golden Triangle" of art, came to Spain largely as a result of the efforts of Baron Thyssen's wife, Carmen Cervera, a former Miss Spain, and his late friend, Luis Gomez, duke of Badajoz and brother-in-law of Spain's King Juan Carlos.

Spain has so far paid about £58 million to care for the collection, with about half that sum being spent on remodelling the Villahermosa Palace.

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Shadow of Carter-style revolt hangs over Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IN ONE of the most disturbing developments of Bill Clinton's young presidency, the moderate Democrats who were his earliest supporters are threatening to turn against him just as they rounded on Jimmy Carter in 1977.

Those who were considered the president's congressional base are now accusing him of abandoning the centrist "New Democrat" platform that wooed millions of swing voters last year and are veering leftwards. In particular, they are threatening to derail the president's deficit-reduction bill in the House next week because it contains record tax increases and few spending cuts.

The rebels fear sweeping Republican gains in next year's congressional elections, even capture of the Senate, if the Democrats are again seen as old-style tax-and-spenders. Further big new taxes to finance health care will be announced next month. "Our serious concern is that if taxes go up and the deficit doesn't go down we are all dead meat," Timothy Penny, a leading conservative Congressman from Minnesota, said.

Up to 50 House Democrats are pressing for another $60 billion (£40 billion) in cuts and legally binding caps on huge social security "entitlement" programmes. They are infuriated by a leadership plan to ram the legislation through by barring amendments. The White House predicament is that capping entitlements would alienate powerful liberals.

Mr Clinton's legislation also faces a Senate challenge. Democrats have a majority of two on the key finance committee but at least three oppose the proposed new $72 billion energy tax.

The public's changing perception of Mr Clinton was obvious during a public meeting in San Diego on Monday. A questioner accused him of abandoning his promised middle-class tax cut for "an unprecedented round of more taxes and new spending" that was rekindling the "malaise" of the Carter years. Mr Clinton said it was a "big myth" that his plan did not contain spending cuts and argued that the national debt, if not tackled, would "kill us".

Broader criticism of the Clinton presidency is coming from members of the Democratic Leadership Council, the group Mr Clinton co-founded to move the party to the vote-rich centre after Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential defeat. "The soulmates are feeling left out", Dave McCurdy, the Congresssman who seconded Mr Clinton's nomination at last July's Democratic convention, protested. He accused Mr Clinton of governing like a traditional liberal. The president was "listening to a small group of people who don't support the New Democrat agenda and weren't with Bill Clinton in the beginning".



Clinton: expressed fear over national debt

An article by Al From, the council president, and Will Marshall, president of the council-affiliated Progressive Policy Institute, suggested that Mr Clinton was placing more emphasis on big government than personal responsibility, work and family, which he had emphasised last year.

Mr Clinton is expected to upset the left by ordering a resumption of nuclear testing in America when a nine-month moratorium ends next month, although he will simultaneously endorse congressional legislation banning all such tests after 1996 unless other countries are still testing. Britain, which tests in Nevada, and the Pentagon had pushed hard for a resumption of testing to ensure the safety and reliability of their nuclear weapons.

A bunch of kids are putting on a show about Hollywood's child stars. **Libby Purves** smells the greasepaint

They're babes with charms

STEPHEN MARKESON



Somewhere over the moon: the cast of *Babes*, from the Mushy Pea children's group, join Humphrey Carpenter, the show's producer and only "angel", for rehearsal in Oxford

'C'mon, kids! We're gonna put on a show, right here in this barn, they think we're just kids but we're gonna make it to Broadway!" cries Mickey Rooney, circa 1939. And Mickey and Judy Garland, and the kids, always do make it, with not a dry eye in the house as the "Babes" hit Broadway. "It's a wonderful street for babes like us to be on — we're here because we want our names in neon!". Despite the corn and the camp, and the glitzily veiled vicious exploitation of the lives the child stars led, it remains an irresistible world.

People who fall in love with old Hollywood musicals never get cured: to the end of their lives they are prone to break into "Hallelujah, c'mon, get happy!" and a quick buck-and-wing step at the lightest provocation. As for Judy Garland herself, the pills and the booze and the ultimate despair of her life only add fascination to the legend, causing addicts to quaver "Over the rainbow" after a couple of drinks and opine that they don't write 'em like that any more.

They do, however, recreate them. I have proof. Here they all are again, two generations on: 65 children and teenagers in scruffy trainers knocking hell out of a hot dance routine in the modern-day equivalent of a barn, a church hall in north Oxford. Here is Judy Garland singing scat, and little Jackie "The Kid" Coogan, and Lana Turner, and Freddie Bartholomew. And if you think you hear the dread opening bars of "On the good ship Lollipop" you are quite correct, because that is indeed Shirley Temple pouting her way downstage, albeit that five decades have passed and the real Ms Temple Black has since had a successful career as a diplomat. It is eerie.

It is *Babes*, a musical developed by Humphrey Carpenter and his amateur Mushy Pea children's theatre group in celebration — some of it appropriately ironic and realistic — of the earliest Hollywood child stars. The cast range widely in age, from a five-year-old Sam Wylie as Jackie Coogan, to the 18-year-old gravitas of Andrew Purcell as Mel Torme, who sets off the action flashbacks as he tries vainly to produce a television special with the worn-out, pill-popping Garland of 1963. The real Mr Torme wrote a book, *The Other Side Of The Rainbow*, about the experience.

They have played an Oxford school hall and Chipping Norton, and now their Broadway is the 500-seat Shaw Theatre in London. Mr Carpenter, sole angel of the production, has personally hired and staffed it for "the money some people spend on changing the car and having holidays", a total risk of around £16,000.

The Shaw management "take us completely seriously", he says, "although I don't think they are really used to a cast of 65 doing four changes each". At the Shaw, Simon Thomsett describes the idea as "ambitious and slightly mad. Humphrey is very persuasive, isn't he?". As a backstop against utter economic ruin, the company is doing musical matinées of his already successful children's stories about Mr Majeka to pick up the half-term trade: but *Babes* is the real thing, a musical for adults, taking on the grown-up West End.

I found Mushy Pea working up to this rash enterprise in three separate rooms of their rehearsal hall, at once. Mr Carpenter, better known as the biographer of Benjamin Britten and W.H. Auden and soon of Archbishop Robert Runcie, is a keen jazz musician (he keeps three double-basses in his sitting-room, which is not wholly convenient) and started the group eight years ago out of "sheer self-indulgence. It is not an altruistic way of looking after other people's children after school. It is a way of getting my own work performed by enormous casts." It is also hard work.

In his section of the rehearsal, three things are happening: the choreographer and co-director, Luned Harries, is teaching a row of ten-year-olds precision shuffling; Mr Carpenter is trying to prise a piece of cheese out of the B-flat key of the electric piano, and his younger daughter Kate, aged 11, is belting out "S-M-I-L-E", very loud in her role as Ma Meglin, the trainer of child stars, unhampered by the fact that she has one leg in a plaster cast. "A canal-boat accident," mutters her father, discarding the cheese and playing on. "It's all right. We've put in a line for her — 'That's the last time I teach King Kong to tap-dance'." Replacing Kate would have been a pity: for some reason the child delivers a startling volume, sounding uncannily like Ethel Merman and just as brassy. Imagine a diminutive, scruffy Merman in a rugby shirt and plaster, and you've got her.

In the next room, Jo Trowsdale, another volunteer adult and the only qualified drama teacher in the group, works through an intense scene between Mel Torme, the adult Judy Garland, and some reporters. "Remember to put in the pauses as well as the words," she says. Sasha Pick, aged 15, is Judy Garland.

Humphrey Carpenter saw her in an amateur production of "Guys and Dolls" when she was 13, and seized on her for his long-cherished project. "It's that voice. She's extraordinary for her age. She's just got that Judy Garland mixture: all the vibrato, but somewhere in there a twelve-year-old girl."

She also has an equable temperament: a modest, quiet, rather shy child offstage ("Humphrey is great to work with: he never gets too cross") who suddenly produces high-voltage intensity, putting songs across with gestures like those of a young Liza Minelli. When she does "Born in a trunk", the hairs stand up on the back of your neck. Then she shuffles apologetically aside in her old jeans. "Am I singing flat?".

> 'Someone said I was exploiting them, but you couldn't exploit this lot; believe me.'

Children chat and shuffle, come and go. Clare Carpenter, as the middle-sized one of the three Judies, hums through her number in the corner. The tiny figure of Sam, as Jackie Coogan, follows the teenage Charlie Chaplin around, frowning with concentration. "Just do the feet," says his mentor Adam Davy, kindly. "It's the feet people look at." He doubles as various characters, including Busby Berkeley, who is required to dangle over the stage from an overhead camera position. "One more time!" cries the author from the next room. "Right over the top!"

Mr Carpenter, Mari Pritchard (head of costumes and his wife) and I retire late, and exhausted, to eat. Some problems have been easier, perhaps, for them to solve than most. "This is, after all, north Oxford. One of our parents happens to be on the committee of the Performing Rights Society. Permissions for film music went through like a dream. We are very lucky to have Lumed and Jo. And our coach driver is going to be flyman at all performances." But the idea of rehearsing this lot, plus a twenty-piece orchestra, and then taking 65 of them to a London YWCA for five days and risking all your spare money in the process would daunt most of us. "But you have to do these things," says Humphrey Carpenter helplessly. "Don't you? Once you've had the idea."

In the "highly unlikely, but well-deserved" event of the show making a profit, he promises not to do a Louis B. Mayer and pocket the money at the children's expense. "I will pay back the parents for their accommodation, have a huge party and put the rest into the next production. I did have a cross letter from someone, saying how dare I make a musical about child stars being exploited when I was exploiting them myself. But you couldn't exploit this lot. Believe me."

Sasha Pick, who at 15 carries the heaviest burden of emotional solos, bitter laughs and draining Garlandesque scenes, is not quite sure how she will feel when the first curtain goes up and there she is in her fishnet tights and black hat. "I'll probably just think — this is London! Not just friends in the audience — London!" she says. Perhaps Mr Carpenter will remember to keep up the conventions of the genre, and his principals will all return to find that — *gulp!* — next day on their dressing room someone has hung a star...

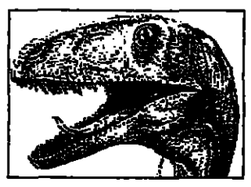
● *Babes is at the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, June 2-5 (071 388 1394).*

Monster cynicism?

With the marketing of his latest film described as the hyperbole of hype, the knives are out for Steven Spielberg

It is now only a matter of weeks before *Jurassic Park*, Steven Spielberg's £40 million dinosaur movie and the most ambitious Mesozoic-monster film ever made, goes on general release in America. Never before has Hollywood witnessed such a co-ordinated onslaught on the consumer and never before, one suspects, has the director been so set on success.

The pre-release advertising budget alone has exceeded £14 million while a further £30 million has been allocated for spin-off projects such as cartoon shows, marketing abroad and a possible theme-park. Even during the filming in Hawaii Spielberg apparently hired an army of security men to ensure that no journalists could witness any of the sequences. It is, as one film maker remarked, the hyperbole of hype.



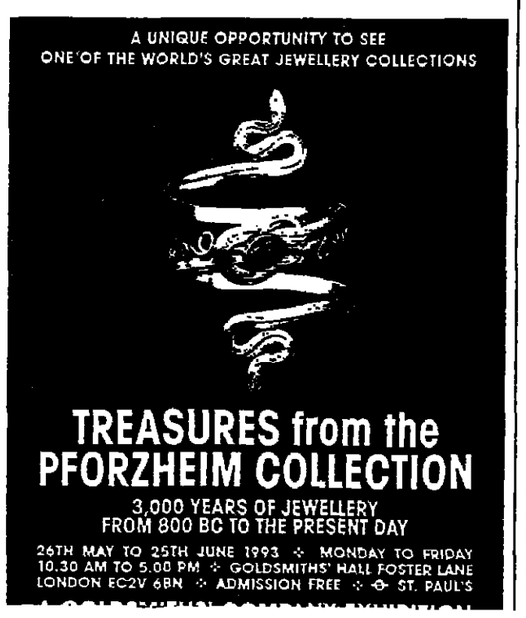
Behind the hype, however, is the sense that this time Spielberg has overdone the cynicism. As Hollywood's golden boy of the seventies and eighties he either directed or produced five of the top ten box-office hits, including *ET*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Jaws*.

The nineties have not seen such a captivated public. His last film, *Hook*, loosely based on Peter Pan, was a dismal failure. If *Jurassic Park* were to flop — which, in view of every child's obsession for dinosaurs, is unlikely — then even Spielberg could face a period in the semi-wilderness.

But so revered has he become, in commercial terms, that none of the studio moguls has ever dared suggest during the leaner years that Spielberg would not be back. They could not afford to take such a gamble. And this is part of the self-perpetuating myth of the man.

Larry Engel, vice-chair of the film institute at Columbia University, say Spielberg simply does not need to spend so many millions on making one movie. "It is blatantly obscene that a film should cost this much," he says.

More than once Spielberg has been snubbed by the Hollywood establishment. "I like dinosaurs because kids like dinosaurs," he said. "After mommy, daddy, yes and no, often a child's fifth word is stegosaurus. Kids are completely dino-savvy at a very early age." At 45, however, Steven Spielberg is the savviest of them all.



Political diaries may be entertaining but they aren't history, warns **Robert Rhodes James**

The eternal appeal of insider gossip

When Rab Butler was bombed out of two London houses in 1941 he took luxurious refuge in the palatial Belgrave Square house of his friend, colleague and former parliamentary private secretary, Henry "Chips" Channon. It was then that he discovered, to his alarm, that Chips kept a diary.

"The diary was normally written each night after dinner." Rab later related, "and this I thought to be a great mistake, for it was often 2am by then and I told Chips that Winston Churchill had always advised against such a habit ... He felt that it was not a good thing to be too personal in a record late at night, and that in a diary you could not achieve that perspective about yourself and your actions which time would give. You could not sift: in fact you said too much: it gave no chance to assess the events a week or so before. However, Chips did not agree with this dictum."

Many historians, politicians, and lovers of diaries are thankful that he did not, because Chips' diaries (which I edited for publication in 1967) are now considered a classic.

At the time, however, the apprehensions of his friends and family about the publication of his diaries less than ten years after his death seemed to have been fully justified. They caused a sensation, but it was not an agreeable one for me or his son, Paul. Chips had had many friends, but also a multitude of political and other enemies, who reviewed his diaries with a remarkable venom. Few at that time were prepared to accept their quality, historical value, and sheer entertainment. But several years later, A.J.P. Taylor somewhat reluctantly, read them and was transfixed. The combination of high politics and high society, a rare self-deprecatory wit, and a marvellous literary style, proved irresistible, and has continued to be for later generations of fascinated readers. I know few modern publications that have had a more remarkable change of fortune.



Indiscreet: Clark can't always be trusted

But Churchill, the historian, had a point. Historians have good reason to approach diaries with caution. They give a totally one-sided account of events, and may be deliberately, or unintentionally, self-serving: they are not necessarily even accurate. Richard Crossman's diaries were often dictated days after the events he described, and sometimes weeks. General Sir Ian Hamilton, the failed Gallipoli commander, wrote his so long after his retirement that they can hardly be described as diaries at all.

There is a close analogy between military and political diaries. In both, the diarist sees only a fraction of the events of the day. Politicians tend to move in limited circles, and are often unaware of what is going on elsewhere. The great English diaries can make marvellous reading, but are they really History?

Like Alan Clark, I kept a detailed record of the leadership crisis of November 1990, not with an eye to publication, but because events were moving so rapidly I felt I might well forget the exact timing of what happened. Unsurprisingly, it reads very differently from Clark's, and certainly does not contain alleged lengthy conversations with colleagues, which in Clark's case read like Jeffrey Archer on an off day. Thus, with Peter Morrison:

"Peter, I am sorry to butt in, but I'm really getting a bit worried about the way things are going."

"Quite all right, old boy, relax. Look, do you think I'd be like this if I wasn't entirely confident?"

"What's the arithmetic look like?"

"Tightish, but OK. I've got Michael (Heseltine) on 115. It could be 124 at the most."

"Look, Peter, I don't think people are being straight with you."

"I have my means of checking."

I have a strong suspicion that Peter Morrison's version will be different. Also, it is certainly not the case that I voted for Heseltine in response to assurances about my future political preferment if he became prime minister. No such hint was dropped. I had, after all, announced my retirement from the Commons eight months before, and I did not make my voting decision until the day before the first ballot. When I did so I made it public, and when I told Heseltine he merely murmured his thanks.

I very much doubt whether the robustly independent Paul Channon and Nicholas Soames also, as Clark alleges, rallied to the Heseltine cause as a result of promise of future favours.

Nor is it the case that Elspeth Howe wrote "every word" of her husband's devastating resignation speech. When I remarked to his PPS, David Harris, about the wholly unexpected controlled passion of a speech that, like Leo Amery's on May 7, 1940, brought down a prime minister, he said: "You should have seen the first draft!" According to my notes I was told that Elspeth's only contribution had been to tone it down, but this was hearsay, and emphasises the point that diaries written in a tearing crisis should be handled with much caution.

My notes of a conversation with a leading member of the Heseltine campaign (in which I was not a participant) state that if he became prime minister he intended to make Tom King chairman of the party and Alan Clark secretary of state for defence. If this was true, then Clark was on the wrong side, from the point of view of his own interests, which clearly loomed large in his calculations. But it really does not matter very much.

Oddly enough, I remain very fond of Alan Clark, and so I lament his decision to publish diaries that will cost him many friendships and could do him much personal damage. And, on this first evidence, he is no Chips Channon.

● *Sir Robert Rhodes James's new edition of the diaries of Chips Channon will be published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in paperback on August 26.*

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How to grow old gloriously

Forget blue rinse perms and pensions — Joan Collins is still sporting a mini at 60. How does she do it? Peter Millar reports on the business of staying young

In the winding backstreets around Madrid's Puerta del Sol, any afternoon or early evening, stocky Spanish *matronas* in sensible skirts and cardigans pace the streets smiling a touch too sweetly at passers-by. All have long since celebrated their fortieth birthdays; most have also said farewell to 50; all are prostitutes, but none of them looks like Joan Collins.

The question is: why not? I mean no disrespect to Ms Collins, nor slight on her morals. She has, after all, made a fortune playing wanton women on screen and is currently soaking up the limelight in best superstar style in Cannes to publicise her latest film, *Decadence*, in which she plays both an upper-class whore and a vulgar nouvelle riche. One can only assume she chooses these parts. But the critical factor is that Ms Collins, although she declines tactfully to talk about it, turns 60 next week: in tabloid terminology, she is about to collect her bus pass, though heaven alone knows when Ms Collins last queued in the rain for a number 21.

If only one of her own three children would oblige, Joanie would be the ultimate glamorous granny. Yet here she is again, on screen in micro-mini skirt and red wig, and offstage talking about "jumping all over" men, such as the 33-year-old Etonian art dealer, Robin Hudstone, with whom she now lives after the disaster of her fourth marriage to Peter Holm.

It is a can-of-worms question whether women, particularly as they grow older, dress and make themselves up to please men or please themselves (or even each other). But there is little doubt that an assumption of at least residual sex appeal is central to the "feel good factor" involved in looking younger longer. And these days that possibility is engagingly open to more and more women.

Until relatively recently, the bloom of beauty was short-lived. True, handsome looks in man or woman lived on in an aging body, but they were considered only in comparison with one's contemporaries, not as an absolute. Particularly since the 1950s, the baby boom and rock 'n' roll all consolidated the cult of youth at the pinnacle of Western culture, women are now led to believe that youth can be eternal. Soap commercials on television show us mums with complexions that match those of their teenage daughters — without the acne — while for many of the middle classes there is no longer a problem of hands that load the dishwasher feeling soft as your face.

Labour-saving in the kitchen, reduced risks in childbirth and the benefits of birth control — never mind the twin totems of the modern beautician's art: diet and dentistry — have reduced many of the worst ravages of the aging process. And then there is the knife. Ms Collins herself insists she has never had a facelift. But many of her contemporaries, and younger starlets, have lifted more parts of their anatomy than would have been considered wise or even humanly possible a decade ago. Both Dolly Parton, 47, with her prodigious cleavage, and Cher, who turns 47 tomorrow — virtually a complete remake-remodel — are testimonies to the cosmetic surgeon's skill.

I do not know what proportion of Ms Collins's even, gleaming, ivory smile is plastic, but I am willing to bet that far from all of her perfectly matched teeth are the ones God gave her. But cosmetic dentistry, while still expensive, is no longer the exclusive preserve of Hollywood stars and television newscasters. The average high street dentist is more than happy to bridge any gap in gleaming enamel, albeit not on the National Health Service.

The arts of skin care and facial make-up have also improved, although less dramatically, over the years. Ms Collins, according to close-up observers, still manages not to exhibit a wrinkle. But it is a moot matter how much this is due to vitamin creams, toning exercises and lotions and how much to what the movie make-up people still refer to — out of hearing of their charges — as "a good trowelling". Ms Collins affects her facial make-up in classic traditional style, with Cupid's bow lips in glossy red, subtly delineated with the finest dark line, an ample dusting of powder and jet-black arched eyebrows that tone perfectly with raven hair that has outlawed any hint of grey.

Is it natural? No, of course not. But does it matter? Most people have an age that suits them, though neither they nor others necessarily realise this until they grow into it, or worse, out of it. This applies to men too. Some outrageously loud or deeply dull young men mellow magnificently into, literally, well-rounded clubmen. Winston Churchill's finest hour was not as a dashing young war correspondent but when he was long past his physical best, yet grown into the shape that suited him.

It is easy to assume women are at their best in the first blossom of youth; but some gawky teenagers can develop into scintillating 35-year-olds, while prim and dowdy 25-year-olds can end up rivetingly interesting old ladies.

By her own admission, Joan Collins still thinks of herself as 39, the age when she first broke into the superstar bracket through the film version of her sister Jackie's soft porn novel *The Stud*. And she may be right. In which case, for the past 20 years she has done a good job at hanging on to her own optimum age. The evidence suggests that most of her life has been dedicated to concepts of conventional sexual attraction from 14-year-old Lolita to sexagenarian sex symbol. Yet, as the *matronas* of Madrid demonstrate, there is little conventional about sex.

Perhaps the most important human consideration is to feel, as the French say "*bien dans ma peau*", at ease in one's own skin, however stretched or sagging it may seem. My fear about Ms Collins and her ilk is that one day they will face the fate of Rider Haggard's fictional enchantress Ayesha, and see all their glory in an instant turn to dust. Though in Ms Collins' case, I daresay however much a bath in the flame of eternal youth may cost, she will be able to afford it.



Her face is her fortune: Joan Collins, 60 going on 39, is an expert at keeping the ravages of age at bay

Swell time, and keen to show it



RACHEL KELLY

PARIS, as usual, is leading the trend. Last weekend, I was captivated by the sight of a Parisian mother-to-be sauntering down the Champs Elysées in black leggings topped with a T-shirt. Its slogan? *J'ai un bébé à bord.*

Of course models like Yasmin le Bon and Demi Moore, the actress, have already flaunted their pregnant status, most famously when Ms Moore posed on the cover of *Vanity Fair* last year. But then they have the sort of figures that make flaunting anything easy, and anyway, it's their business to flaunt. Their actions tell us little about society's wider mores. But my Parisian was no model. Average looking, with an average figure, she still had decided to look like Tweedledum.

Demi Moore has the sort of figure that makes flaunting anything easy

Whatever happened to maternity clothes? Whither the billowing floral smock, the rosy-cheeked expectant mother, the Vermeer figure blushing at her bump? Andrew Marvell would have to rewrite his description of pregnant women — "Full sails hasting loaden home".

Now the sails are pulled taut, the mother hasting not home but to the nearest dinner party where she can display her latest fashion accessory. Her bump is a badge to be proud of, especially for career girls who are proclaiming, Shirley Conran-style, that they are having it all. The very latest touch, I've noticed on the dinner-party circuit recently, is mothers-to-be wearing cummerbunds or sashes, as if they were Easter eggs, to exaggerate their turns still further.

As one pregnant mother explained to me, the fashion has innumerable advantages. It's cheap, because you don't have to buy any special clothes (apart from a new T-shirt perhaps) but can wear all your old favourite leggings because they are made of Lycra and stretch. It's handy on the Tube, because everybody can be sure you're pregnant rather than just fat, and seats follow accordingly.

And if you've got good legs, it's nice to show them off. Some men find pregnant women sexy. (Funnily enough, it seems only women of a certain generation still feel that a fat tummy is not very pretty. Even the good bits are enveloped in a tent-like smock.)

Ironically, smocks actually make you look *more* pregnant — even bigger than you already are, as if you are victim who needs special treatment. Artful use of black can actually reduce the size of the bump, even if you do wear a T-shirt.

And, finally, it's helpful for the rest of us who aren't pregnant but just a touch tubby, because no one can insult us by asking when the baby is due.



THIS is especially important at the moment, because to be fashionable now is to look as if you are pregnant — witness the plethora of billowing floral smocks and shapeless, unstructured dresses on sale. If you did want to adopt old-fashioned maternity-style wear, you need no look no further than the high street.

The unpopularity of grunge, and its failure to take off despite all the blandishments of the fashion editors, is proof that maternity clothes, even when they are fashionable to boot, have lost their appeal. There is a serious point behind the fashion statements on show in London's dinner-parties. Pregnancy should not be about hiding. The Christian ideal of marriage is about procreation, not concealment of the joy of an impending child. It's time for an enterprising manufacturer to start translating those Parisian T-shirts into English.

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Coming of age in deepest Southall

Young Asians are breaking out of their conventional image, reports Alice Thomson



Biriani Western: lawbreaking and stetsons replace Brylcreem and arranged marriages

We've seen them all before: plump cheeked Mr Patel the 24-hour grocer, lean Mr Shah the chemist, angry Mr Singh the dentist, demanding death for Salman Rushdie. If an Asian gets a look in on television it has to be as a stereotype: an anaesthetist in *Casualty*, a lab assistant in *Inspector Morse* or a harassed Pakistani corner shopkeeper in *EastEnders*.

British cinema is even worse. If you put aside the Asians in *Gandhi* or *A Passage To India*, only one film stands out, *My Beautiful Laundrette*. When released in 1985, its writer Hanif Kureishi observed that the film portrayed Asians as "drug dealers, sodomites and mad landlords", but as most Asians pointed out his juxtaposition of ruthless businessmen and gay relationships wasn't any more authentic.

Now there is *Wild West* billed as the first biriani Western, a film about a trio of brothers of Pakistani descent who dream of taking their country and western band from deepest Southall, in West London to the deep South. The vegetarian hero Zaf is neither a grocer nor a doctor and only wears white overalls when he is forced to try his hand at being a butcher. Ali flogs dodgy secondhand motors, Kay spends his time falling off skateboards. Unlike the goody-two-shoes stereotype of Indian youth, the three boys are in constant trouble: blowing up police cars, feeding people's ears and fingers to their family Rottweiler and having OK Corral-style shootouts at bhangra dances.

The comic-strip farce is written by the young Asian playwright Harwant Bains. Although much of the action is mildly fantastical (the stars wear stetsons, cowboy boots and silver thongs) for once there are no stereotypes. "No one had yet captured the feeling I'd been part of when I was brought up in Southall — of being part of a group of people who were kicking against the common established notions of what young Asians should be in this country," says Mr Bains.

While middle-class parents in Southall may be wringing their hands in despair at the film, most young Asians are thrilled that for once someone has bothered to think of them as individuals rather than just people who have arranged marriages.

Sarita Choudhury, the heroine of the film, has an Indian father and an English mother and has lived in Jamaica, Italy and Canada. "Indian children have never been part of the main cultural scene like black or white kids. We have always been pressurised into education, getting our exams and a profession," she says. "There were no Indian role models so it never occurred to me to be an actress or singer. I did economics at university and only then changed to acting."

Young Asians are also finding a voice in music. Apache Indian, the 25-year-old Handsworth-born Hindu, has fused two apparently unreconcilable musical genres — Asian bhangra and Jamaican ragga — to make him Britain's biggest Asian pop star with his recent top 20 single, "Arranged Marriage".

And then there is the search for the first Asian supermodel. "I thought we would be searching for the impossible because strict Asian families look down on modelling," says Anupma Jaidka, who has just set up Britain's first Asian model agency. Miss Jaidka is a model and a classical Indian kathak dancer. She was also Miss Asia UK 1991. Although this year's competition was called off following protests from the Sikh community leaders, Miss Jaidka is convinced that most Asian women no longer think of modelling as leading to immorality.

"The mothers tend to support their daughters, it is the grandmothers who cause the problems. But children are becoming more independent. They are saying we are not just pharmacists we are artistic, we want to be fashion designers, models and artists but we want to wear our traditional costumes as well."

Over one million Asians listen to Sunrise Radio, the 24-hour Asian station. Avtar Lit, chief executive, says, "Indians used to want to wear Brylcreem and be very conventional. But in the last five years Asian youth has changed ... They say to their parents 'If you don't want to be part of this you shouldn't be over here'. In the south they don't just want to be punks now but super-punks and they often wear earrings. In the north they tend to be kept more closely in the family fold."

But why is it happening now? Mr Lit says: "Young Indians have a lot of trouble going into the professions. They may have the same education as their white contemporaries but at work they are treated differently. Now they are finding out that the arts are less biased. They are not being judged by some director of a company board, but by an audience who are liking what they see."

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■ Suddenly the pressure is on to make it a cleaner, brighter world

I have the gravest misgivings about what follows. The hindsight which is bound to surface like a horrified periscope in the wake of its probable consequences will declare itself astonished that publication of the piece was ever allowed. Was there nobody at *The Times*, the hindseers will shriek, to read the writing on the wall and recognise it as the instruction for opening a can of worms? One, moreover, clearly bearing the skull-and-crossboned label of the Pandora Canning Company?

Well, yes, there was me, but while I know that even as I type these words I should stop myself from typing them, I cannot, for the urge to proselytise my new and terrible obsession is as strong as the obsession itself. It is the kind of obsession that empowers the obsessed to understand other, hitherto unfathomable obsessions. Suddenly you comprehend Marxism and golf. Mine, too, could sweep the world.

Quite literally. For sweeping the world is what it is all about.

Just when I had believed myself to have reached that age at which nothing was left to pop up and knock my socks off. Such temptations as one has had the nerve to nibble at have all been tested to their dared limits, and even the imagination has ceased to toy with what remains unsavoured. And then along comes a Bosch AHR 1000.

Last Friday evening: drinks in a neighbour's garden. Over the ginny rim, I noticed that, unfamiliarly, the terrace gleamed like an Arctic floe: more yet, it harmonised with the paths that radiated from it, glacially white. Though the sun was low and weak, I had to squint.

"You've had the men in," I remarked. "You have new paving."

"Wrong!" he cried, and when I turned at the cry, I caught in his eye a glitter as diamantine as the glints in his pristine stonework. "It is the old paving. I have had the Bosch on it. Incredible, eh?"

A platoon of *pickelhaubers* materialised in my head, goose-stepping across his terrace. But since it could not, surely, have been as incredible as that, I begged his pardon.

"My new Bosch AHR 1000," he said. "It is an electric-powered high-pressure hose. It directs a jet of water 100 bar. It brings up stonework like new. It is, believe me, better than sandblasting."

I told him that I believed him, but it was, of course, not enough. We went to look at it. It did not look much. An oblong metal box attached by a rubber pipe to a nozzled lance, it might have been an insect spray. But a response was clearly required, so I said: "Can I have a go?"

"There's nothing to have a go on!" he smirked. "It's all done."

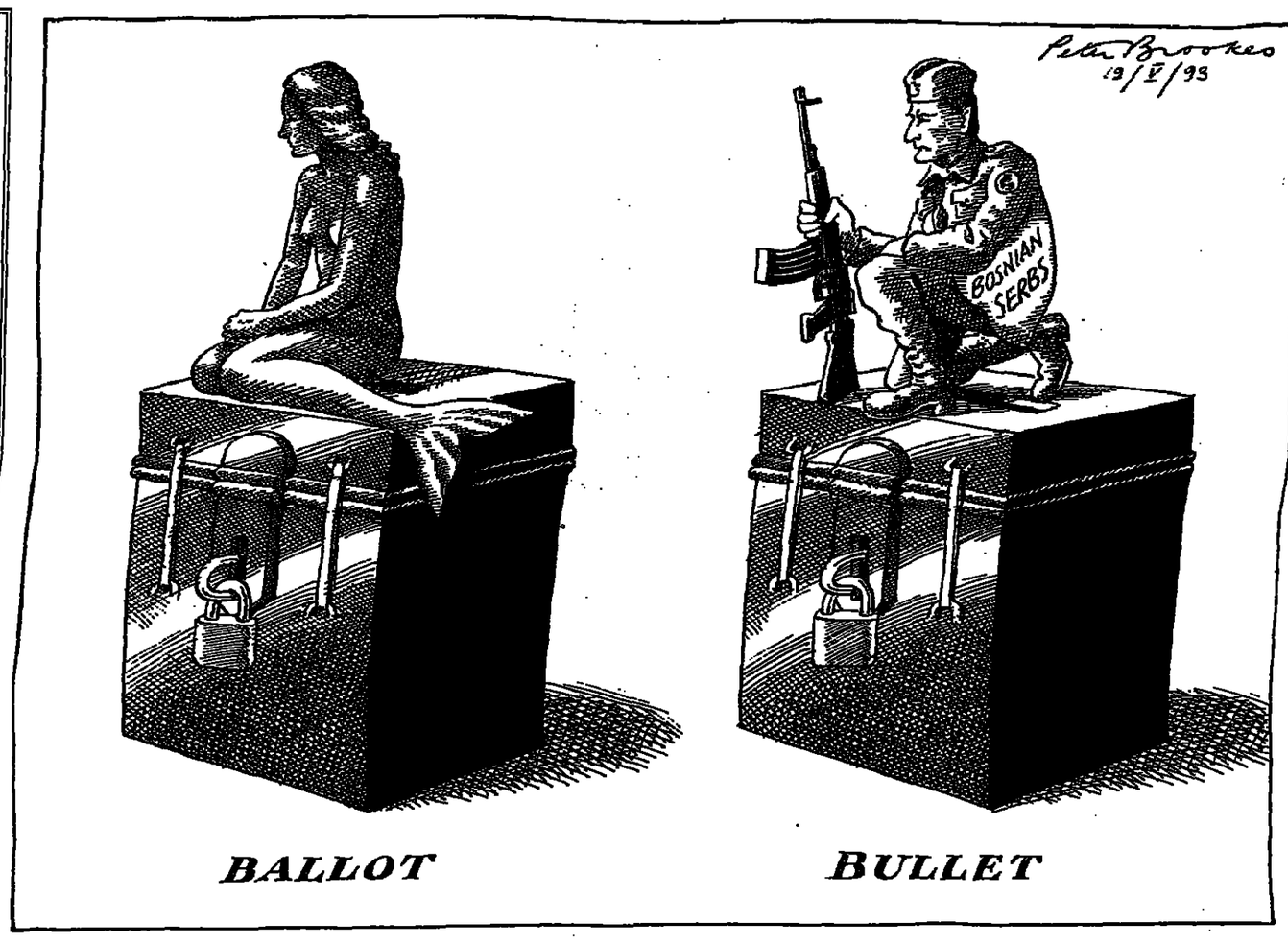
It was true. Gloaming had by this time darkled the vegetation, but the pathways stood out, clothed in white samite, mystic, wonderful. The garden might have been a *maquisard* dropping zone: any moment now, a Lysander would throb overhead.

"Tell you what," he said, "put it in the boot. Try it at home."

Saturday? Saturday changed my life. From the instant the lance first lurched in my hand like Aaron's rod and carved a swathe through the septuagenarian moss of my path to reveal every terracotta birthmark, I was addicted. Justice to the sensation cannot be done in a respectable publication, but you are all men and women of the world. I do not need to draw pictures. I need only say that of all the many satisfactions with which the imagination might suggest comparisons could be borne, none even comes close. Furthermore, it offers, as so many don't, the bonus of altruism: hose-blasting is regenerative, it is redemptive, it is moral, it is *good*: it shines the world up a treat.

So why all that fuss at the top of the page? How can something so wonderful bode ill? Because you can't stop doing it. I did the paths on Saturday morning, the terrace in the afternoon, the drive by nightfall, but then I found myself, like Alexander, weeping because there were no more worlds to conquer. Had my neighbour not arrived to reclaim his treasure, I should, despite the darkness, have cleaned the street.

I shall yet. The withdrawal symptoms being intolerable, on Monday I ordered a Bosch of my own, to refurbish Cricklewood. Tomorrow to fresh roads and pavements new. Or, when I've finished, as good as.



House that Jacques built

After the Danish yes, in what style should the new Europe be constructed: classical, modernist or post-modernist?

Simon Jenkins

Maastricht almost has its planning permission. Yesterday's Danish vote makes a yes from the British House of Commons more likely. Soon only the Lords and Germany's constitutional judges will stand between the treaty and ratification. But planning permission is not building. The ground has to be staked out, the money raised, the architect chosen. Maastricht is far from implemented. Plague the thought, the debate continues.

What now for those who still inhabit the Castle of Doubt? They have, in my view, three Maastricht stances from which to choose. All demonstrate the fashionable scepticism and meet the architectural temper of the times: classical, modern and post-modern.

The classicists want Maastricht demolished, and care little who is buried in the rubble even if it is the prime minister. These purists, led by Lord Tebbit and William Cash MP, have pitched camp on the Acropolis and erected shrines to the Single European Act and the spirit of Bruges. They have recently added a Doric referendum, within which the sculptor Phidias is gilding a statue to the goddess Thatcher. They point out that none of these temples is yet complete, and say that until they are none should worship unknown gods.

The classicists point out that the European Community has a huge unfinished agenda, notably the 1992 single market. The new treaty reads today like some gothic text from the dark ages of European corporatism. To object to it is not to be anti-European: the treaty is dud. Nor should it be conceded on the basis that other signatories have no intention of implementing it. Honest men do not sign treaties they do not mean to keep. The hand that signs a treaty breeds a fever. Maastricht is a licence to federalist meddling. Ratify it and Jacques Delors and his successors will drag member states through the courts into a socialist uniformity.

Events in Denmark mean that John Major can now treat the classicists not just as reactionary but, more heinous, as disloyal to the leadership. This will send them more vigorously in the direction of referendum, where they have found respectable support from historians and lawyers. I believe the case for a plebiscite on Maastricht is strong, both constitutionally and politically. Mr Major might win it — overturning the polls yet again. He would also strengthen his own position in the process. But while his attitude to Europe is thoroughly confused, he has never wavered in his opposition to a referendum. "It is not the British way," he says. A U-turn on this would surely be one too far.

Over against it stand the modernists, now cock-a-hoop. To them Maastricht ratification is part of the continuum of European rebirth. Trying to be up to date, they embrace a measure of scepticism. They deplore the past excesses of the style, the brutalism of Brussels regulation and the "high-rise" common agricultural policy. All this must stop, they say. And turning the tables on their foes, they argue that the key to stopping it is none other than the treaty itself. Douglas Hurd lauds Maastricht as "the most decentralist measure since the formation of the European Community". He rests this case on the key role granted by Maastricht to the Council of Ministers, as opposed to the Brussels Commission.

The modernists' strongest weapon is a conservative one. The constantly evolving political structures of the European Community are the only ones available for thrashing out the commercial, agricultural and political differences within Europe. How inadequate the outcome proves does not matter. This is better than war.

The cause is lent support in Alan Milward's new work, *The European Rescue of the Nation State*. Pan-European institutions, he says, were what restored national sovereignty in Europe after the last war. They will go on doing so, provided the EC sees its job as resolving squabbles between states, not imposing supranational edicts upon them. The new EC must be consensual not imperial.

Of course, say the modernists, Britain can reject such co-operation, as Scandinavia and Switzerland may continue to do. The past is not necessarily the template for the future. But not to be "at the heart of a new Europe", as Mr Major puts it, is both a risk and beneath Britain's dignity. This Europe may be a concrete and glass monolith, may be an Augean stables of corruption and waste. But Britain has often taken on itself the role of Hercules.

At this point, enter the post-moderns. To them, Denmark is neither here nor there. Maastricht is stillborn, dead in the water, rotten on the vine. Ratify or don't ratify, it makes no difference. The British, Italian and Spanish devaluations have torn out Maastricht's heart of monetary union. The adjustments required for the poorer countries to join the economic union and draw down the subsidies that still bind Greece, Italy and Spain to the cause, would impose on them a politically intolerable hardship. Anti-federalist sentiment is rising among opposition groups in all southern countries. Ask an Italian steelworker to exchange his domestically subsidised job for a Brussels dole and he will opt to keep his "sovereignty" intact.

Maastricht, say the post-moderns, will now be ratified but in no sense implemented. It has a built-in self-destruct mechanism. It will honour de Gaulle's dictum that treaties are "like girls and roses, they last while they last". Little bits will be built here and there, but most will be chipped and cracked as they are passed back and forth between the Council of Ministers and the European Court. The Commission in Brussels will atrophy. Unable to curb corruption, extravagance and an instinct to meddle, the commissioners will lose power to sub-committees of the Council of Ministers. They will take after Unesco and Jacques Attali's bank, wallowing in luxury and jobs-for-the-boys.

The post-moderns will, I believe, dominate the next stage of the Maastricht debate. They will offer a new vision of 21st-century Europe, a pluralist, multi-faceted cocktail of alliances, each with a different purpose. They will render unto the Brussels Caesar a few important things that are Caesar's, such as commerce, trading standards or fishing limits. But nationalism will keep most of Maastricht's list of common policies firmly in the individual capitals of Europe. Exchange rates, foreign and immigration policy, industrial subsidies, taxation and social security will remain "subsidiary", because no government will dare let it be otherwise.

The post-modernist agrees with the classicist that Maastricht was a treaty too far, but disagrees about whether this matters. He points out that all international relations must be built on domestic consent. If the German or French or Italian governments ignore this, they will be supplanted by leaders more in tune with public opinion. This has nothing to do with shared sovereignty or the role of parliaments. The public knows or cares little for them. It will respond to "Europe" in future by the favourable or unfavourable impact of policies on the ground, whether concerning hill farms or motorways or air fares or the density of beer or the regulation of health standards.

Maastricht is a treaty only in name. On any reading, it is a prospectus for a corporate state, born of Napoleonic flummery out of British Treasury centralism. It contains much rhetoric about the importance of "the Union". Member states are briskly ordered to "avoid excessive government deficits". Some clauses have an Orwellian ring: "The framework programme shall be adapted or supplemented as the situation changes." Others are pure Ruritania: "A common foreign and security policy is hereby established."

The treaty is federalist in the sense that the early United States constitution was not: it is essentially centralist. The American constitution was confederal and entrenched the rights of states. The equivalent clauses of Maastricht, on subsidiarity, are legally empty. The American constitution was meant to bite. When the Southern states defected, it meant war. Should a state defect from Maastricht, I imagine the rest of Europe would yawn, turn over on its feather bed and ask Brussels to raise VAT and reallocate the subsidies.

In the light of the Danish vote, I would recommend the post-modern style for students of Maastricht. It retains its scepticism, while the prospect is both eclectic and plausible. Post-modern also offers "hindsight insurance". I sense that in ten years' time we shall look back on 1993 and say to ourselves, "Heavens, did we really get so steamed up about Maastricht. What was it about? Funny little place in Holland isn't it?"

Studying the signals of war

Conflicting ground rules by **Lawrence Freedman**

As the conflict in Bosnia has worsened, the debate in the West on the principles and practicalities of intervention has intensified. There were never any easy options in Bosnia: now there are very few practical options either. The international community faces the choice of either standing by as the brutal logic of ethnic cleansing is worked out or sending in forces to protect Muslims and maintain some of the Vance-Owen plan, though without the agreement of all the parties.

The features of the strife within the former Yugoslavia provide only part of the explanation why the issue has become so vexatious. Involvement in any conflict where there is no direct threat to this country or its allies is likely to invoke contradictory pressures which combine to produce unsatisfactory results.

When military action is geared to defence of the most vital interests, there is a compelling strategic imperative. In Bosnia there is an element of choice: there are the costs and dangers of going in but also the dire consequences, in terms of human suffering and growing instability, of staying out. There is a natural temptation to confine intervention to a level proportionate to what may seem to be marginal interests.

But it may be as difficult to have a marginal intervention as it is to have a marginal pregnancy. The first step into a distant conflict may be non-military, small-scale and non-controversial, but the credibility of the interveners from that time on becomes tied to a particular outcome. So it is that objectives for military intervention are set as a result of exaggerated expectations that non-military coercion will do the trick. The prudent military planner will start work as soon as an explicit international commitment has been made — even though the use of armed forces is being explicitly ruled out. If the fragility of Yugoslavia had been recognised in 1991, there would have been less reliance on strong words.

Insofar as such conflicts reflect an unstable political situation, the objective must be stability. The later the military deployments the more difficult the task will be. The ideal intervention is early, prior to chronic deterioration, when even a modest show of force may have a calming effect. However, the tendency to view armed force as a "last resort" means that it is rarely considered before matters become desperate.

Because the critical issues revolve around local territorial control, strategies that skirt around this may be of only slight consequence. Western air superiority and the fact that air-strikes carry nothing like the risks of combat on the ground, make it tempting to concentrate on measures such as no-fly zones. In reality the main struggle for power goes on on the ground — where there has been less success in establishing no-artillery and no-ethnic-cleansing zones. There is a danger now in Bosnia that air strikes will be used out of frustration, but without any clear strategy for helping the Muslims.

All intervention involves political signalling, but it is not only the belligerents who receive the signals. The intervention chosen must convince a domestic audience or allies that something is being done, or to reassure them that not too much is being done.

Some believe that the mere act of using the military conveys a tough signal. However, if the symbol has no substance — if, for example, the deployment has extremely restricted rules of engagement — then a lack of resolve will be conveyed instead. "What is my next step if this one fails to produce results?" is an essential question.

To assume that an enemy will melt away as soon as the West flexes its muscles is foolish but, in the absence of another superpower from which to derive support, the possibilities of surviving a straight fight with the West are recognised to be low. On a number of occasions when the Serbs have worried about being on the receiving end of serious military action, they have become more conciliatory.

The vexing and perplexing nature of this sort of security challenge can be summed up in eight propositions:

1. The use of force to create stable conditions requires a close connection with a credible political process, which should also be used to ensure a smooth withdrawal.
2. *However*, success in stabilising may require a long-term military commitment: removal of troops may trigger a recurrence of instability.
3. Intervention is most likely to succeed when it is undertaken in a decisive manner at an early stage in a conflict.
4. *However*, successful intervention will require a coalition effort. It may be an unfortunate law of international affairs, especially in the media age, that by the time opinion can be mobilised to manage a localised crisis, it may be too advanced to be readily managed.
5. The longer a conflict is allowed to fester, the more likely it is that intervention will focus upon preventing its spread or on humanitarian missions.
6. *However*, humanitarian intervention cannot be politically innocent, as the civilian populations of opposing sides are rarely exposed to equal risks.
7. The unintended consequences of any intervention will always be as great as the intended consequences.
8. *However*, staying out is a form of intervention.

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Grammar maketh man

OXFORD may be the home of lost causes, but the emeritus Wykeham professor of logic is not deterred by long odds. Michael Dummett is turning his attention to the thorny subject of undergraduate grammar and spelling.

Appalled by what he describes as the "shocking" grammatical incompetence of Oxford finalists, Dummett has written a book, *Grammar & Style for Examination Candidates and Others*, which Duckworth is to publish later this month. In it he outlines all that the ambitious undergraduate needs to know in the way of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Dummett, who has taught philosophy since 1950, says he was "stimulated to write the book by the experience of being an examiner and being shocked by Oxford finalists. My standards are really very ordinary, just those of any normal literate person."

Dummett does not believe the problem is confined to undergraduates: "There are frequently stylistic mistakes emanating from the general board of the university. They use twice as many words as they need, producing mind-numbing jargon. Students are given a very bad example."

He does not advance any reason for declining standards, bar suggesting that "it may be that the public schools teach in a more traditional manner and give more attention to grammar than state schools". And, on a day which saw him casting his vote with female colleagues to fight the "unconscious bias" against them, he suggests that more women lecturers might conceivably improve the quality of their students' grammar. "I would be very happy if it did. But I am not pinning my hopes on it."

Dog eats dog

THE trade magazine for journalists, *UK Press Gazette*, is consulting lawyers after a writ from Mirror Group Newspapers landed on its doormat. The writ alleges that the *Gazette* breached the *Mirror*'s copyright by publishing a column by Paul Foot, the investigative journalist who has since left the *Mirror* to join *Private Eye*.

In it, Foot was highly critical of Mirror Group management. The paper refused to run it. Tony Loynes, editor of the *Gazette*, was happy to. Loynes was encouraged by a comment in this week's *Gazette* from *Mirror* editor David Banks on the very subject of breached copyright: "No editor should sue to suppress information."

Earthworks

THE GREEN movement is in congratulatory mood after breaching the defences of one of Britain's more hallowed agricultural institutions. *Farming Today*, Radio 4's early-morning programme for farmers and early risers has recruited a new producer — from Friends of the Earth.

There may be snorts of disgust in the shires, but the appointment of Robin Maynard, Friends of the Earth's countryside, agriculture and transport campaigner, is being met with a public show of approval by the National Farmers Union. "He has an excellent knowledge of agricultural issues, and he will be mindful of his responsibilities to all the people who listen," says a spokesman.

The BBC admits that Maynard's past is likely to colour his approach to the programme, on which Everest heroine Rebecca Stephens once used to present commentaries about the state of the grain market. "It has been turning a darker shade of green anyway," says the BBC.

● *As longstanding rivals of Tottenham, Arsenal fans were never going to let pass such a heavensent opportunity for a spot of Spurs-bashing. So, with the Gunners' FA Cup replay against Sheffield Wednesday approaching, the roads around Highbury were last night echoing to tuneful rehearsals of "Just a spoonful of Sugar helps the Venables go down, the Venables go down . . ."*



Independent line

SIR DAVID ENGLISH, the chairman and editor-in-chief of Associated Newspapers, has never been one to pull punches. So it should be no surprise that his review of *Paper Dreams*, a book purporting to tell the inside story of *The Independent*, is a hotly-spiced mix of insult, derision and scorn. No surprise, but nonetheless embarrassing for the book's author Stephen Glover, who is currently employed by English as assistant editor of the *Evening Standard*.

English's review for *The Guardian* began: "If revenge is a dish best eaten cold, then this book is a luke-warm stew of soft-boiled score-settling" and continues: "One wonders why such books are written, let alone published."

Glover, one of the co-founders of *The Independent*, is resilient in the face of such high-level criticism. "I think 'hard-hitting' is the euphemism we are looking for. I am amazed, but I do not think I shall resign. I have resigned once, from *The Independent*, and one can't make a habit of it."

Marathon meal

TRAINING schedules and dietary restraint will be pushed to the back of Eamonn Martin's mind this evening when he enjoys his first night out with his wife Julie since his momentous victory in the London Marathon. Martin is being entertained to a menu of crab, caviar and beef fillet at the Ritz by his sponsor for the race, London Global Securities. The City firm has paid for a babysitter to look after Eamonn junior, who was born just a couple of days before the race.

"It's the first time we've had a chance to go out together since he was born," explains Martin. "And although I'm in training, I might have the odd glass tonight." But not that many — Mel Batty, Martin's trainer, is going too.

● *So where did Jocelyn Stevens, the chairman of English Heritage, get the extraordinary idea that the Japanese might provide funding to rescue his beloved Stonehenge? Could it be because just at the moment he was put on the spot by a TV crew, two Japanese tourists wandered unwittingly into view?*

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AN ANXIOUS YES

The Danish vote does not end Maastricht's troubles

Wearied by two referendum campaigns within a year, and overwhelming pressure from politicians and the media, it seems that the Danes have capitulated. As this edition went to press, they appeared to have agreed at last to allow their government to ratify the Maastricht treaty. But yesterday's decision should not be taken by other countries as a resounding vote for European union.

This was not a wholehearted, positive vote but a reluctant, negative one. Only after additional opt-outs for Denmark were agreed at Edinburgh on the common currency and common defence policy could a majority of Danes be persuaded to countenance ratification. They have accepted the treaty only as long as the main thrust of it is not applied to them. And they have done so not out of enthusiasm for the rest of its provisions, but out of fear that they will otherwise be cast out of the European club.

These fears, whipped up by politicians and the press, were baseless. But the risks were presented strongly enough to convince the Danes to vote against their instincts. Their instincts were right, and the politicians wrong. But it is hard for people to continue to believe in the rightness of their cause when they are so vastly outnumbered by those in the establishment whose voice rings louder and carries more weight.

The British government has been nervously awaiting this endorsement. A Danish "no" would have stopped British ratification dead. But if the prime minister and his foreign secretary are now tempted to sound triumphant, they will be making a grave mistake. One more battle may have been won, but the war continues.

Tomorrow's third reading of the Maastricht bill will encounter little opposition since Labour plans to abstain. But the history of this bill shows that there is many a slip twixt debate and ratification. None of the setbacks has yet been effective enough to destroy the bill altogether, but their cumulative effect has engineered numerous government climbdowns and embarrassments. The Lords may yet vote for a referendum; the courts may yet uphold the separate legal challenges of Tory Eurosceptics and Labour supporters of the social chapter. Neither is probable, but both are possible. Meanwhile, there are legal hurdles still to be overcome in Denmark and Germany.

Even if the treaty is ratified by all 12 member states, trouble will still lie ahead for the British government. Ministers like to pretend — or perhaps they believe — that come the summer, with Maastricht behind them and economic recovery under way, their political difficulties will be over. But arguments about the exchange-rate mechanism will reassert themselves, and the Eurosceptics are not intending to give up simply because the treaty has been ratified.

Under the treaty, Britain may be excused from rejoining the ERM if it can persuade its European partners that it is unable to do so. But it will not be allowed to say publicly that it never intends to rejoin, since it is bound by the treaty to support the new European Union's general moves towards economic and monetary convergence. Ministers may claim that such convergence is now unachievable, certainly within the time limits envisaged, and that pressure on Britain to rejoin will therefore be limited. But they underestimate the extent to which other EC countries resent the competitive advantage Britain has won through a floating exchange rate, especially when coupled with its opt-out from the social chapter.

On the other side, they cannot ignore the fierce opposition to the ERM among their own supporters and in the country. Those who witnessed the debate on the economy at last year's Tory party conference were taken aback by the vehemence with which speaker after speaker denounced ERM membership and the pain it was causing. Their feelings were mirrored in the Newbury by-election and the recent county council elections. If Maastricht is ratified, even the weakest interpretation of its grand economic design cannot be implemented without a powerful political backlash. It is time the government admitted as much.

PATIENTS COME FIRST

The Allitt case should not be considered in isolation

The crimes committed by Beverly Allitt, the young nurse who murdered four children and attacked nine others at Grantham and Kesteven general hospital, have prompted calls for a full public enquiry which Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, will have to confront. The moment when a parent's grief becomes a nation's anger is not an ideal time to decide matters of public policy. But, although Mrs Bottomley has ordered an official enquiry under Sir Cecil Clothier QC, there are reasons to doubt that his planned investigations into the murders will go far enough.

The starting point has to be to determine why Allitt was taken on as a nurse in 1991, after being twice rejected and despite a "very unsatisfactory" interview. As early as 1986, physiotherapists at the same hospital had observed symptoms indicating that she was suffering from the personality disorder, Munchausen syndrome. Anticipating the rage which the case would spark, Mr Justice Latham said this week that the public had a right to know "what has been done, what is being done, and what will be done". But the Clothier enquiry is not empowered to subpoena witnesses and its hearings will not be public. Its remit, furthermore, may be too narrow to inspire public confidence and, above all, to guard against recurrences.

There seems little point in confining enquiry to the specifics of this case. Most of the local problems particular to Grantham and Kesteven have been tackled already in yesterday's independent report by Kenneth Baddiley, former district general manager of Leicestershire Health Authority, which recommended radical changes in the recruitment and supervision procedures at the hospital. It is less likely now that Grantham and Kesteven will in future provide a niche for another Beverly Allitt.

But the questions raised by the case have relevance far beyond the walls of a single Lincolnshire hospital: they would be better addressed by a full public enquiry.

Beverly Allitt's career pattern bears an alarming similarity to that of Frank Beck, the Leicestershire care worker who abused 200 children physically and sexually over 13 years and headed three children's homes despite a series of police investigations. Both cases indicate unacceptably slack recruitment procedures in the caring professions.

Attempting to account for the errors which led to Allitt's employment on the pediatric ward, Allister Stewart, unit general manager at Grantham and Kesteven, said that the hospital had "no evidence" of any psychiatriac or personality disorder, although they were aware of her repeated appearances for apparent physical complaints. This seems to imply that without concrete evidence of documented disorder, a prospective NHS employee — even one who is to be entrusted with the care of children — must always be given the benefit of any doubt: innocent, and therefore employable, until definitively proven guilty.

Many local authorities practise deliberate non-discrimination against job candidates with criminal or psychiatric histories. The social services seem close to regarding their employment policy as itself a social service: a way of providing employment for those whom the private sector might reject. Indeed, there have been cases other than Beck's of youth workers with previous convictions for sexual abuse staying in public employment. This investigation should leave no doubt that the safety of the public must take precedence over "fair" employment practices in the public sector. When the welfare of children is at risk, society cannot allow carers the benefit of the doubt.

CROSSRAIL AT THE CROSSROADS

A great opportunity for London is slipping slowly away

Poor public transport is probably the single greatest factor inhibiting confidence in London's future as a world business centre. Clogged streets, erratic buses, overcrowded Underground carriages, dirty, unreliable commuter trains are the stuff of daily exasperation that make the case for Frankfurt or Amsterdam daily more powerful.

Even the massive investment now pouring into the London Underground and Network SouthEast will take years to bring the system back even to the level of the 1970s. Moreover real improvement demands a commitment not just to patching and painting, but to the bigger projects necessary to turn a Victorian infrastructure into a transport system for the next century.

No single project is more important than Crossrail, the proposed £2 billion deep-tunnel mainline link between Liverpool Street and Paddington. While it does not have the political sensitivity of the Jubilee Line, on whose construction the future of the Docklands depends, Crossrail will do more to relieve Underground congestion, bring together west and east and integrate mainline commuter services.

Crossrail has become a model of sensible cooperation between British Rail and London Underground, as well as a touchstone of the government's new commitment to public transport. That commitment is on the brink of betrayal. By failing to announce a timetable for the bill's second reading, the government appears intent on killing the project while seeking to evade responsibility or blame. The private bill has been before the Commons since November 1991; if it fails to get a second reading this summer, it will slip into the next session and will almost certainly be declared too old, and lapse. A new private bill will not be possible, as future transport projects will go through a new, public enquiry route. If the Crossrail project is to be the first test case, it could be another five years before the project can begin.

When Norman Lamont insisted in his last budget statement that private capital be brought in, the City of London quickly responded. New financial and engineering analyses again vindicated the Crossrail proposal, declaring it feasible and still viable with private money. But now the government is demanding a commitment in advance from the private sector before it will even give the political go-ahead for the line to be built. Even the most amateur entrepreneur would not buy such a pig in a poke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Facts and figures in the Aids battle

From Baroness Cumberlege, Under Secretary of State for Health

Sir, Dr James Le Fanu ("The high cost of the Aids panic", Body and Mind, May 6) uses our success in containing the epidemic to argue that our action was misdirected.

Prompt government action in the early days of the epidemic has contributed to our relatively low prevalence levels. The World Health Organisation estimates that the true number of HIV infections in the UK is 24,000.

This compares with estimates of 150,000 in France, 100,000 in Spain and 70,000 in Italy. Heterosexual transmission of HIV is steadily increasing across Europe, including in the UK.

There is no vaccine and no cure for HIV/Aids and it would be irresponsible of the government not to inform people of the facts about transmission.

Initiatives aimed at those with behaviours that may place them at greater risk of infection may be less visible than information given to the public, but they are and continue to be integral to our prevention strategy. We have consistently cautioned that there is evidence of reversion to unsafe sexual practices among homosexual men and the incidence of rectal gonorrhoea among homosexuals strongly argues that we must continue our efforts.

Dr Le Fanu is wrong to suggest that more than £800 million has been spent on prevention.

In the eight years to 1992-3, £150 million was made available for HIV prevention work. This is a sound investment, given the high cost of treatment and care, for which, together with research and surveillance of the epidemic, funding of around £737 million has been allocated in the same period.

Government has made new money available for this work to ensure that our response to HIV/Aids was not at the expense of other health programmes.

Yours faithfully,
CUMBERLEGE,
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From Dr Peter Meers

Sir, A recent publication from the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre (CDSC) shows that, of homosexual men with Aids diagnosed in the UK up to March 1992, 701 (15 per cent) were bisexual. In the same period 365 women and female children were reported with Aids, but in only 38 was the infection judged to have been acquired from a "high-risk" partner without an overseas connection. This high-risk category includes males infected through drug abuse and transfusion, as well as bisexuals. The message is clear: the transmission of the Aids virus by heterosexual intercourse is extremely rare in this country, despite the existence of a large group of high-risk bisexual men. This has been obvious for some time.

Dr Le Fanu chides the CDSC for presenting statistics in a misleading way. The CDSC, which is an arm of the Public Health Laboratory Service, is powerfully influenced and scrutinised by the Department of Health. In 1986 the department committed itself to heavy publicity on the risks of heterosexual activity. It is not surprising if the CDSC's data have misled.

It must be hoped that the same does not apply to other matters of public health concern, such as salmonellas from eggs and mad cow disease. The cost of stubborn institutional error about Aids is measured only in money.

Yours faithfully,
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Shaw's will and the British Museum

From the Director of the British Museum

Sir, Lady Antonia Fraser and others (letter, May 13) contend that Bernard Shaw would have wished his estate to benefit areas of the British Museum for which the British Library now has responsibility. This could easily have been achieved. The skilled equity draftsman whose hand can clearly be seen in the wording of Shaw's will could have included binding conditions restricting the use of the bequest to the then library departments and their successors if the museum's organisation should change.

Yet Shaw did not do so. He left one third of his estate to the museum trustees "in acknowledgement of the incalculable value to me of my daily resort to the Reading Room". This is a reason, not a condition. Leaving aside the non-binding nature of the wording, it is far from obvious that Shaw would have wished his gratitude to be transferred to the building being constructed in St Pancras. Lady Antonia *et al* should remember that the Reading Room at Bloomsbury and the cost of running it will remain the responsibility of museum trustees.

Your correspondents' treatment of Sir Edward Boyle's statement to Parliament in 1959 suffers from selective quotation. The point at issue was not the trustees' treatment of Shaw's bequest but the Treasury's treatment of the museum in the light of that bequest.

The purpose of the parliamentary question was to extract from Sir Edward, as Treasury spokesman, a promise that the Treasury would not frustrate Shaw's intentions by reducing public funding to the museum by the amount likely to be available from the legacy. Sir Edward gave that promise and made it clear that "the bequest is unrestricted, in the sense that the trustees of the British Museum are free to do what they like with their portion of it".

He went on to cite the trustees' decision to build up "a capital fund" because the bequest represented a benefit which would be available only for a limited period.

It is true that as the original assumptions about the income from the bequest proved to be underestimates, the trustees reviewed their policy on the use of the bequest and increased the share of it used on the non-library side. Given the shortage of funds for all sorts of desirable purposes, it would have been strange and even improper if they had not done so.

As a result of these policy reviews, by 1973 when the institutions separated, almost exactly the same amount had been spent on enhancing the collections which remained the trustees' responsibility as had been spent on those which passed to the British Library. Since 1973 the trustees have continued to use part of the bequest for the benefit of the British Library collections.

It is Lady Antonia and her co-signatories who wish Shaw's bequest to be used exclusively for the library and who are trying to use Shaw's will to support this aim. It was not Shaw's expressed wish.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. W. ANDERSON,
Director, The British Museum, WC1.
May 14.

From the Chief Executive of the British Library

Sir, Most of the questions posed by Lady Antonia Fraser and others about the application of the legacy of George Bernard Shaw by the British Museum fall within the province of the British Museum itself. One question, however, is addressed directly to the British Library.

We are immensely proud and grateful that many of the great literary and political figures of this country have donated or bequeathed collections of their personal papers to the British Library, where they become important primary source material for present and future generations of scholars. The library, in accepting these benefactions, undertakes to preserve the papers and make them available to readers in perpetuity, whilst respecting any other wishes expressed by their donors. This principle is enshrined in the British Library Act 1972.

Moreover, the British Library will never, in any circumstances that I can foresee, sell or give away any of its manuscript collections. It has never done so in the past.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN LANG,
Chief Executive,
The British Library,
96 Euston Road, NW1.

Benefits of CrossRail

From Sir Michael Angus, President of the Confederation of British Industry, and others

Sir, The government's announcement, on October 9, 1990, of the go-ahead for CrossRail was welcomed unanimously by the financial and business community, as well as across the political spectrum. Since then, however — as the letter which you published today from the chief executive of London First and eight others indicated — there has been little, if any, progress.

If London is to remain one of Europe's leading capital cities, it will need a transport infrastructure to match. Indeed, Paris has already developed a similar project, clearly with the 21st century in mind.

While we all recognise the necessary constraints on public spending, we nevertheless believe that the government should take a longer-term view. We, in the private sector, no longer expect the Treasury to bear the full cost of CrossRail.

Indeed, the private sector has already indicated a willingness and ability to contribute substantially to the project.

However, the government has to take the lead and to demonstrate its commitment to the scheme. We agree with London First that this must, in the first instance, mean naming a day for the second reading of the CrossRail bill. Otherwise, the bill will be lost and London's transport system set back by at least five years.

Everyone recognises that CrossRail needs to be built. We therefore believe that progress of the bill should not be further delayed.

As Britain moves out of recession and into recovery, there can be no better time to start investing in the future.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ANGUS,
President,
Confederation of British Industry.
ALEXANDER of WEEDON,
Chairman,
National Westminster Bank.
D. ALLEN,
Chairman, DHL International (UK).
PHILIP BECK,
Chairman, Mowlem.
PATRICK J. GILLAM,
Chairman, Standard Chartered Bank.
A. G. GORMLY,
Chief Executive, Trafalgar House.
MIKE HOFFMAN,
Group Chief Executive, Thames Water.
ANDREW HUGH-SMITH,
Chairman, The Stock Exchange.
EWEN MACPHERSON,
Chief Executive, 3i Group
PETER MORGAN,
Director-General, Institute of Directors.
MICK NEWMARCH,
Group Chief Executive,
Prudential Corporation.
COLIN J. PARSONS,
Chairman, Taylor Woodrow.
PETER WALTERS,
Chairman, Midland Bank.
Confederation of British Industry,
Centre Point,
New Oxford Street, WC1.
May 17.

Everest achievement

From Mr H. R. Wynne-Griffith

Sir, What a pity that we cannot recognise the achievement of Rebecca Stephens in being the first British woman to climb Everest (report, May 18) with the immediacy with which the French recognised the heroism of the schoolteacher and the fire brigade doctor in the besieged school at Neuilly by awarding them the rank of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (report, May 17).

Yours faithfully,
H. R. WYNNE-GRIFFITH,
3 Dulwich Wood Avenue, SE19.
May 18.

From Mr Tim Symonds

Sir, There is one definite way for Everest Sherpani Rebecca Stephens to get a quick honour (Diary, May 18), and that is to send in her sub to the Conservative party as soon as she returns to these shores.

Yours faithfully,
TIM SYMONDS,
8 Potterne Wick, Devizes, Wiltshire.
May 18.

Pirate's handle

From Dr David Cordingly

Sir, I hesitate to contradict Dr Blackburn's ingenious answer to the mystery of Captain Hook's real name (letter, May 13), but J.M. Barrie clearly states that Jas Hook "was Blackbeard's bosun ... the worst of them all".

Israel Hands, who features in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, was Blackbeard's first mate, not his bosun. According to Johnson's *History of the Pirates* (1724), Blackbeard's bosun was a man called Garrat Gibbens.

The snag is that Gibbens was among the eight pirates killed alongside Blackbeard in his last-ditch stand at Ocracoke Inlet in 1718. But we must assume that he actually faked his death and escaped in the confusion of the battle.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID CORDINGLY
(Organiser, "Pirates" exhibition),
National Maritime Museum,
Greenwich, SE10.
May 13.

From Mr M. N. Bland

Sir, Captain Hook's original name was, of course, Lieutenant Hook. However, the surgeons, when treating him for his battle wound, decided to take his name into account when providing a prosthesis for his damaged hand.

It was, no doubt, the psychological trauma of this decision that later caused the then captain to take up piracy.

Yours faithfully,
M. N. BLAND,
296 Henley Road,
Caversham,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 11.

From Wing Commander R. J. Allen

Sir, "Fingers"?

Yours sincerely,
R. J. ALLEN,
Royal Air Force Aldergrove,
BFPO 808.
May 11.

From Mr Philip D. Badrock

Sir, And he became a pirate following disciplinary action after his failure to comply with the order "All hands on deck".

Yours truly,
P. D. BADROCK,
Outwood, South Hill,
Chislehurst, Kent.
May 14.

From Mr Ian Moodie

Sir, I have a more serious problem than concern about Captain Hook's original name. I have worried for years about who keeps the alarm clock wound.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MOODIE,
61 Church Road,
Richmond, Surrey.
May 11.

Cyprus after Nadir

From the High Commissioner of Cyprus

Sir, Your article "Cyprus revives after Nadir" (May 13) is illustrated with a photograph of the fugitive from British justice, Asil Nadir, looking happy and content next to a lemon tree. To my mind it is simply the blatant promotion of tourism in the Turkish-occupied area of Cyprus. You even give the address of the so-called "North Cyprus Tourist Office" in London and name hotels "owned by Mr Nadir or his family".

I would like, therefore, to inform your readers of the facts as far as the real names and ownership of "Nadir's properties" are concerned:

1. Zephyros (now renamed Crystal Cove), which is situated in Kyrenia, belongs to Seashore Developments of the Cypriot company J & P.
2. Jasmine Court. The construction of this complex of hotel apartments started before the 1974 invasion and was finished by Asil Nadir. It is situated in Kyrenia and belongs to the Cypriot company Pharos Estates (49 per cent of the shares of which are held by Lombard North Central plc).
3. Constantia (now renamed Palm Beach) is situated in Famagusta and belongs to the Cypriot company Marangos Hotels Ltd.
4. Tony's Hotel and Louis Hotel are situated in Davlos village and their owner is the Greek Cypriot Louis Ignatiou.

Yours sincerely,
ANGELOS M. ANGELIDES,
Cyprus High Commission,
93 Park Street, W1.
May 13.

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Working in Whitehall

From Professor A. G. Atkins

Sir, The question (leading article, May 11) should not be why the preponderance of permanent secretary jobs and top grades in the civil service is filled by Oxbridge graduates, but rather why so few are filled by people educated in engineering or the sciences.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. ATKINS,
White House, Heads Lane,
Inkpen Common,
Newbury, Berkshire.

From Mr John Garrett, MP for Norwich South (Labour)

Sir, Neither your editorial of May 11 nor Sir Robin Butler's letter of May 13 explains why the civil service has to have a fast-stream entry. Why should what you call "the finest candidates" be so exclusively white, male, public-school, Oxbridge arts graduates?

May this detachment from everyday life and from science and technology not explain the amateurishness of management and policy-making in government which has so damaged our national performance?

A distinguished former permanent secretary recently told the Treasury and civil service select committee that he considered the scheme whereby these gilded youths were taken forward was "disgraceful".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GARRETT,
House of Commons.
May 13.

Sunday trading

From the Chairman and Chief Executive of Iceland Frozen Foods

Sir, I must take issue with David Sainsbury's article, "Special day for shoppers" (May 13). Sunday trading is certainly not supported by most high-street retailers, including Marks & Spencer, John Lewis Partnership, C & A, Kwik Save, Co-op, House of Fraser, Littlewoods and many more, including thousands of small independent retailers.

"Consumers demand choice" is always put forward as the major reason for Sunday opening. Yet for the majority of retailers it cannot be profitable to open on Sunday, simply spreading six days' trading over seven. Therefore prices to the consumer must increase, and there will be pressure on staff to work a Sunday rota.

Small businesses unable to compete will close. As many of these trade in local communities, villages and small high streets, it will leave many pensioners, those less mobile and low-income disadvantaged families with very little choice.

In the long term choice will be eroded. We may have multinationals "open all hours" but the tradition and variety of British retailing will be lost for ever.

With many high streets, shopping precincts and retail parks open for at least 72 hours a week, surely this is time enough to shop and leave us all a breathing space from the rat race of life in the 1990s.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. WALKER,
Chairman and Chief Executive,
Iceland Frozen Foods plc,
Southern Office,
7 Parr Road, Honeypot Lane,
Stanmore, Middlesex.
May 13.

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COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
May 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Sunderland Railway Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison) and Colonel John Dowdeswell (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards drove to Sunderland Civic Centre and were received by the Mayor of the City of Sunderland (Councillor William Craddock).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh viewed a display of the City's new Letters Patent and Her Majesty unveiled the City's new Coat of Arms.

The Queen later visited Homeworthy Furniture Limited and was received by the Managing Director (Mr Hartley Moyes).

Her Majesty afterwards visited the Aim High Centre, Hylton Red House Comprehensive School, and was received by the Chairman, Community North (Sunderland), (Mr Gordon Robinson).

The Queen viewed displays of City Challenge activities, escorted by Mr Martin Orrick (Chief Executive, Community North) and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty subsequently visited St Peter's Church, St Peter's Way, and was received by the Rev Gareth Lloyd (Priest in Charge).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, then visited the site of the new campus of the University of Sunderland, was received by Dr Anne Wright (Vice Chancellor, University of Sunderland), the Chairman of the Governors (Mr Kenneth Douglas) and the Chairman, Tyne and Wear Development Corporation (Sir Paul Nicholson) and unveiled a commemorative sculpture.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then arrived at Corporation Quay and embarked in HMY Britannia.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked from HMY Britannia this afternoon at Hartlepool and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cleveland (the Lord Gisborough), Mr James Southall (Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cleveland), the Mayor of Hartlepool (Councillor Victor Burton) and the Chairman, Teesside Development Corporation (Mr Ronald Norman).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, visited Hartlepool Marina and unveiled a commemorative ship's bell.

The Queen afterwards opened Hartlepool Maritime Heritage Centre and was received by Mr Duncan Hall (Chief Executive, Teesside Development Corporation).

Her Majesty subsequently visited Bramley Court Sheltered Flat Development, Braemar Road, was received by the Chairman, Housing Committee, Hartlepool Borough Council (Councillor Michael Lennon) and Honorary Alderman Stanley Bramley and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited University College, Stockton-on-Tees, and were received by the Mayor (Councillor James Vaughan).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque, bestowed Foundation Fellowships and toured some of the laboratories, escorted by the Principal (Professor Robert Parfitt).

The Queen afterwards visited Pallister Park, Middlesbrough, and was received by the Mayor (Councillor Irene Berryman).

Her Majesty toured play areas, escorted by Mr John Foster (Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Borough Council) and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a Dinner and Reception on board HMY Britannia at Hartlepool.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened Sunderland Central Fire Station.

His Royal Highness later visited Doxford International Park and met representatives of youth and voluntary organisations.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited HMS Trincomalee and was received by the Chairman, HMS Trincomalee Trust (Captain David Smith RN).

His Royal Highness later visited the Tees Barrage and viewed an exhibition of the barrage and Teesdale Development.

The Duchess of Grafton, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam, Major James Patrick and Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis were in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnston (formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office).

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 18: The Duke and Duchess of York were represented by Mr Geoffrey Crawford at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

May 18: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

May 18: The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn which took place in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 18: The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Earl of Carnarvon at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 18: The Princess of Wales this morning attended the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation's marketing presentation "The Emerging Vision", the Mermaid Theatre, London EC4.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

May 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, accompanied by The Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, was present at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

May 18: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry and formerly Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 18: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning visited the Christie Hospital, Wilmslow Road, Withington, Manchester and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness, President, this afternoon visited the Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn which was held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
May 18: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1, this morning.

Receptions

For Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short
Mr Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, was host at a reception held at the Savoy Hotel on May 17 for Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short who will be competing in *The Times* World Chess Championship. Among the guests were:

Mr David Adams, Mr Gareth Anthony, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Mr Archill, Ms Julia Arnsbury, Mr Michael Attwell, Mr Julian Aston, Mr Julius Alcock, Mr B Baoth, Mr William Bale, Ms Audrey Balfour, Dr B Bard, Mr Bates, Mr Tom Barnicoat, Mr Michael Basman, Ms Catherine Bergen, Mr Jim Bignall, Miss Sarah Birdseye, Mr and Mrs John Birt, Mr Adam Black, Mr Dan Antoine Blanc-Shapira, Mr Ivor Blight, Sir Michael Caine and Ms Emma Nicholson MP, Mr Murray Chandler, Ms Helen Cook, Mr David Cohen, Mr Nic Couchman, Mr Julian Courtenay, Mr Gavin Crawley, Mr Colin Crouch, Mr Thomas Cussons.

Mr Trevor Dan, Mr Vivian Davies, Mr Wytze de Beck, Mr Brian Drew, Ms Jane Drinkwater, Ms Angela Eagle, J and L Ward Emms, Mr John Everson, Ms Cathy Forbes, Mr Robert Feather, Mr John Felton, Mr Irving Finkle, Mr Brett Finnigan, Mr and Mrs Philip Fleury, Mrs Furse, Mr Leigh Gardner, Mr Gaumdobin, Mr Malcolm Gerrie, Mr and Mrs Richard Gilmore, Mr Michael Grade, Ms Alison Gwilliams, Mr Adrian Gray, Mr Richard Green, Ms Joan Greenwood, Ms Melena Griffiths, Ms Caroline Griffiths, Mr R M Gustavson, Mr Brian Haworth, Mr M Hennessy, Mr Anthony Hobbs, Mr Julian Hodgson, Mr Tudor Hopkins, Mr Mark Huba, Mr Ian Hutt, Mr Michael Inwands, Ms Sheila Jackson, Ms Betty Jackson, Mr Daniel Johnson, Mrs Paul Johnson, Mr Chris Jones, Mr Raymond Keene, Mr Peter Kemmis-Betty, Lord and Lady Killearn, Mr Daniel King, Mr Graham King, Mr Stephen Kirk, Mr Andrew Knight, Mr Sandy Knuttgens; Mr David Last, Mr Rod Large, Mr Philip Lawlor, Mr and Mrs Dominic Lawson, Mr Peter Lee, Mr Roland Leigh, Mr Peter Ligertwood, Mr G C B Liska, Mr Jonathan Levitt, Mr Paul Littlewood, Mr Lukyantsev, Mr David Lord.

Mr Neil McDonald, Professor Ian MacIntyre, Mr Tony Mann, Ms Sarah Manser, Mr Peter Marsh, Mr Barry Martin, Mr Mathews, Mr Simon Monsal, Mr Charles Moore, Mr B Munroe, Mr James Morkis, Mr Henry Muskin, Mr Richard Nelson, Mr Andrew Neil, Ms Linda Norris, Mr David Norwood, Ms Carole O'Brien, Mr Kevin O'Connell, Ms Ciaran O'Keeffe, Mr Paul O'Donnel, Mr Rocky Oldham, Mr Colin Oliver, Mr and Mrs Andrew Page, Mr K Padgham, Mrs N Paulssen, Mr David Pearmain, Mr Malcolm Pein, Sir Edward Pickering, Mr Peter Pitt, Mr Simon Pollack, Mr David Poyser, Mr Stewart Reuben, Mr Tim Rice, Mr Bob Rice, Mr Peter Roberts, Mr Willy Robertson, Ms Camilla Rhodes, Mr Greg Rosell, Mr Peter Schouten, Ms Erika Schule Grosso, Ms Alison Scott, Mr Ian Scott, Mr Walley Sebley, Ms Jennifer Selway, Mr Russell Shear, Mr D M Shepherd, Mr Giles Shepherd, Ms S Sheridan, Mr Silvani, Mr and Mrs Roger Smolski, Mr David Spanier, Mr Scott Stains, Mr Michael Strean, Mr M Stewart, Mr Herbert Streissnig, Mr Steadman; Mr Mitchell Taylor, Lord and Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, Ms Stella de Rosnay, Dr and Mrs Thomas Thompson, Ms Tracey Thompson, Ms Sue Tiney, Mr Donald Trelford, Mr Michael Tully, Mr Nick Vickers, Mr Tim Vignobels, Brigadier and Mrs A C Vivien, Mr Bob Wade, Mr and Mrs Derek Walters, Mr Bob Walton, Mr William Watson, Mr Colin Webb, Mr Simon Weston, Mr Christopher and Mr Gary White, Mr Stuart White, Mr Andrew Whiteley, Mr Gareth Williams, Mr Michael Williams, Mr Robert Willmoth, Ms Andrea Wonfor, Mr Donald Woods, Mr and Mrs Woodward, Mr Wynn, Mr and Mrs G A Yablon and Mr S H Yeon.

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HM Government
Mr Thomas C. Dawson, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Edinburgh Castle to mark the visit to Scotland by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of Dr Adrian Nastase, President of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies. The Romanian Ambassador was also present.

The Earl of Lauderdale
The Earl of Lauderdale was host at a dinner last night at the Houses of Parliament. The guest of honour was Mr David Maclean, MP, Minister of State, representing the Right Hon Michael Howard, Secretary of State for the Environment. Others present were:

Sir Richard Body, MP, M Joël Bouchaud, Mr Geoff Brown, Mr John Butterfill, MP, M Pierre Castillon, M Christian Clèret, Mr David Dixon, Mr Iain Duncan-Smith, MP, Lady Olga Maitland, MP, Professor Peter Moore, Mr James Puckridge, Lady Saltoun, Lord Sanderson of Bowden and Lord Wade of Chorlton.

Weavers' Company
The annual ladies' dinner of the Weavers' Company was held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Sir Brooke Fairbairn, Upper Bailiff, and Mr G.E.L. Yeandle, Renter Bailiff, and their ladies received the guests. The Upper Bailiff presided and Lady Wagner also spoke.

Funeral service

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn
The Queen was represented by the Earl of Airlie, KT, the Duke of Edinburgh by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther at the funeral service for Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Earl of Carnarvon, the Duke and Duchess of York by Mr Geoffrey Crawford, Prince Edward by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and the Princess Royal by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs.

Princess Margaret and Lady Sarah Armstong-Jones were present. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley and Prince Michael of Kent by Sir Peter Scott. Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, the Duke of Fife and Lady Saltoun attended.

The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by Canon James Mansel and the Rev Kingsley Joyce. Mr David Penn, son, read the lesson and Mr Christopher, son, read from the works of William Penn. The Bishop of Chelmsford preached the homily. Others present included:

Lady Penn (widow), Mr and Mrs Charles Wemyss (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs David Penn and Mrs Christopher Penn (daughters-in-law), Rory Penn and Molly Wemyss (grandchildren), Colonel and Mrs Ralph Stewart-Wilson, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Blair Stewart-Wilson, Lord Thurlow, Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Mrs Jane Stevens, Captain Aubyn Stewart-Wilson, Mrs Lorna Heaton, Miss Belinda Stewart-Wilson, the Hon Mrs Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce, the Hon Mrs de Lisle, Miss Melinda Stevens, Mr John Penn, Sir Hereward and Lady Wake, Mrs James Greer, II, Miss Tamara Callaghan.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, the Duchess of Wellington, the Duke of Marlborough, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Marquess of Hertford, Penelope Marchioness of Zetland, the Marquess of Lothian, the Countess of Airlie, the Earl of Lichfield, the Earl of Scarbrough, the Earl of Ancram, MP, Countess Alexander of Tunis, the Dowager Countess of Cromer, the Earl of Minto, the Countess of Arran, the Countess of Euston, the Countess of Carnarvon, Earl and Countess De La Warr, Anne Countess De La Warr, the Countess of Lichfield, Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (The Household Cavalry) and Lady Fitzalan Howard, Lord Roger Manners, Lord Christopher Wellesley, Lord and Lady Nicholas Gordon-Lennox, Viscount Daventry, Viscount Boyne, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, the Dowager Viscountess De L'Isle, Lady Ramsay, Lady Rupert Nevill.

Major Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lord Somerleyton (Royal Mews), Lord Moore of Wolvercote, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, Lord Astor of Hever, Lord and Lady Brumisfield, Lady Ridley of Liddesdale, Lord and Lady Marlesford, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady Westbury, Lord Tollemache, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lady Holderness, Lord Wigram, the Dowager Lady Cobbold, Lord St John of Fawsley, Lady Howard de Walden, Lord Kinnaird, Baroness Strange, Lord and Lady Denham, Baroness Sharples, Lord Ampthill, Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord Aberdare, Lord and Lady Freyburg, Sir Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes.

Lady Rosemary Muir, Lady Caroline Ogilvy, Lady Margaret Colville, Lady Susan Hussey, Lady Katherine Farrell, Lady Amabel Lindsay, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, Lady Anne Wake-Walker, Lady Jane Grosvenor, Lady Tana Focke, Lady Elizabeth Clyde, the Hon Richard Bethell, the Hon Dominic and Mrs Elliot, the Hon Lady Rowley, the Hon Nicholas Assheton (Pitt Club), the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Alan and Mrs Hare, the Hon Miles Jebb, the Hon Hugh Tollemache, the Hon Richard and Mrs Beaumont, Major the Hon N H and Mrs Villiers, the Hon Philip Astor, the Hon Jeremy Soames, the Hon Michael Tollemache, Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, Sir Jeffrey Darell, Sir Ivar Colquhoun, Lady Kennard, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, Sir Reresby Sitwell, Colonel Sir Brian Barttelot, Sir Thomas and Lady Butler, Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott (also representing HM Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms).

Major-General Sir George Burns (colonel, Coldstream Guards), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Dame Mona Mitchell, Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, Sir John Titman, Sir Russell Wood, Sir Hardy Amies, Lady Butter, Sir Seymour Egerton, Lady Bowes Lyon, Sir Oliver and Lady Millar, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, Sir Alastair and Lady Aird, Major Sir Shane and Lady Blewitt, Sir Edward Ford, Lady Griffin, Sir Peter Miles, Sir Iain and Lady Margaret Tennant, Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier, Colonel Sir Piers Bengough, Sir Geoffrey and Lady de Bellaigue, Lady Bayliss, Sir Nigel Strutt, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn, Major-General Sir Philip Ward.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Sir Julian Loyd, Sir Edward Tomkins, Lady Aitken, Lady Maudslay, Lady Wontner, Sir Victor Le Fanu, Sir John Lambert, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Ashmore, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack, Sir Ian Hunter, Major-General Sir James Eyre, Major Sir Richard and Lady Rasch, Sir John Tooley, Mrs John Dugdale, Captain David and Lady Jean Wemyss, Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald, Mr Timothy and Lady Mary Colman, Mr Julian and Lady Caroline Faber, Colonel T F C and Lady Betty Winnington, Major David and Lady Willa Chetwode, Major and the Hon Mrs John Wills, Commander and Mrs Michael Wall; Baron Vaes, Princess George Galitzine, Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, Mrs Andrew Hay, Mr Peter Bowring, Major and Mrs Desmond FitzGerald, Mr Anthony Figgis, Mr and Mrs Henry Wrong, Mr and Mrs George Mann, Miss Patricia Rawlings, MEP, Mr Rupert Hambro, Countess Esterhazy, Mr Gerald Ward, Mr and Mrs Patrick Telfer Smollett, Colonel and Mrs E Remington-Hobbs, Mr Stuart Holmes, Mr John Mordaunt, Mrs John Bean, Mr Peter Hartley, Mr I M Calvocoressi, Mr Ned Ryan, Mrs Andrew Feilden, Mrs William Bell, Miss Margaret Baldry.

Mrs Carolyn Benson, Dr John Cowan, Mr David Glynn, Mr Jocelyn Hambro, Mr and Mrs James Hambro, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Isaacs, Mrs Bernard Gordon Lennox, Colonel and Mrs Gerard Leigh, Mr Jeremy Major, Mr Clifford Dearing, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr John Ferrand, Mr David Nawaruckus, Mr Gilbert Olliffe, Miss R Wynn-Pope, Mr John Rhodes, Mrs John Sheffield, Canon D W Skeoch, Mr and Mrs Esmond Fairbanks-Smith, Mr Thomas Sopwith, Mr and Mrs Michael Wemyss, Brigadier M S Bayley, Lieutenant-Colonel E T Bolitho.

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Candice Bergen is 47 today

Birthdays today

Sir Peter Bowness, solicitor, 50; Mr Mel Calman, cartoonist, 62; Brigadier Sir Frederick Coates, 77; Dr Edward de Bono, lateral thinker, 60; Mrs Justice Ebsworth, 56; Mr James Fox, actor, 54; Sir Harold Himsworth, former secretary, Medical Research Council, 88; Baroness Hylton-Foster, 85; Mr David Jacobs, broadcaster, 67; Mr Justice Judge, 52; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, 65; Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, broadcaster and former MP, 51; Mr Roger Laughton, chief executive, Meridian Television, 51; Dr A.I. Lenton, former chairman, Bowater Industries, 66; Mr John Lyons, trades unionist, 67; Mr Noel Mander, organ builder, 81; Sir Edward Parkes, former vice-chancellor, Leeds University, 67; the Earl of Pembroke, 54; Dr Max Perutz, OM, CH, molecular biologist, 79; Sir Kenneth Preston, former chairman, Stone-Platt Industries, 92; Sir Michael Scott, diplomat, 70; Sir James Steel, former chairman, Furness Withy and Company, 84; Professor Gordon Stone, chemist, 68; Mr Pete Townshend, guitarist and singer, 48; Mr Sandy Wilson, composer, 69; Miss Victoria Wood, comedienne, 40.

Meeting

India League
Mr Michael Foot, President of the India League, presided at a meeting held yesterday at Friends House in honour of Mr K.R. Narayanan, Vice-President of India. Mr S.N. Gourisaria received the guests.

Latest wills

Elizabeth Hilary Frances Mann, of Cambridge, left estate valued at £592,454 net.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):

Mr Philip George Butler of Fordingbridge, Hants £1,156,723.

School news

Charterhouse
Charterhouse has recommended the following for election to:

Major Foundation Scholarships: 1. O I Harbottle, Rokeby; 2. M P F Osborne, King's House School; 3. P M C Drewienkiewicz, Holmwood House; 4. W P Goldie, King's House School; 5. J Ho, Milbourne Lodge; 6. J S Bichard, Rokeby.

Foundation Scholarships: 7. M A Holder, Aldro; 8. R J R Leszczynski, Copthorne School; 9. J M Hulse, Milbourne Lodge; 10. L H Van Heck, Great Ballard; 11 = G W J Bailhache, St Michael's Prep School, Jersey; 11 = K J Davidson, St Edmund's School, Hindhead.

Benn Scholarship: = O J Harbottle, Rokeby; = J M Hulse, Milbourne Lodge.

Exhibition: A P Hollingsworth, Hoe Bridge School.

The Sir William Blackstone Award (for the sons of lawyers): S C D Moger, Dulwich College Prep, London.

For Sixth Form Entry

Peter Newton Scholarships: D U Belloni, Burford School, Oxfordshire; N M Boorer, The King's School, Grantham; Rachel Charters, Woolmer Hill School, Haslemere.

Honorary Peter Newton Scholarships: Elizabeth A Gill, Farnborough College, Hampshire; Natasha J Macaskil, Marlwood Comprehensive School, Alveston, Bristol.

Sir Robert Birley Scholarships: Iona K I Beaumont, North Foreland Lodge, Basingstoke; Catherine Lewis-Morris, Kesteven & Sleaford High School, Lincolnshire.

Haileybury
The following awards have been made:

Academic

Major Scholarships: P. Ninkovic, Parkside School, Cobham; S.R. Elliston Ball, Springmead JMI School, Welwyn Garden City and Haileybury; M. Nash, Manland Primary School, Harpenden and Haileybury.

Minor Scholarships: J.J. Doyle, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden; C.A.B. Gillott, The Beacon, Chesham Bois and Haileybury; A.G. Reiss, Duncombe School, Hertford and Haileybury.

Exhibition: J.D. Morison, Heath Mount School, Watton-at-Stone.

Sixth Form: Major Scholarships: Georgie A. Carr, Dodderhill School, Droitwich; Fiona L. Rumboll, The Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton.

Sixth Form: Minor Scholarships: Tessa E. Shepherd-Smith, Queen Anne's School, Caversham.

Music

Major Scholarships: S.W. Pratt, Lochinver House School, Potters Bar; A.J.R. Simpson, Beechwood Park School, St Albans; R.C.A. Watkins, Widford Lodge, Chelmsford.

Sixth Form: Music Scholarships: J.E.L. Dahl, Newcastle Royal Grammar School; Madeleine C. Shaw, King Edward VI Upper School, Bury St Edmunds.

Art

Major Scholarship: N.J. Malkin, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden.

Minor Scholarships: B.C. Hoft, Old Buckenham Hall School, Ipswich; A.L. McCall, Craigclowan School, Perth.

Sixth Form: Art Scholarship: Hannah E.J. Senior, Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Headway National Head Injuries Association, will visit Headway at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, at 11.45; as Patron of Turning Point, will visit the Wakefield drugs project at The Lodge, Stanley Royd Hospital, West Yorkshire, at 12.20; will visit New Hall Prison at Dial Wood, Flockton, Wakefield, at 1.15; and, as Patron of RELATE, will visit Leeds RELATE at 38 Call Lane at 3.35.

Prince Edward will attend the 1993 British Sports Ball at Grosvenor House at 8.00.

Princess Margaret, as Colonel-in-Chief of QARANC, will visit the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital at Woolwich at 12.50.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Newbury Arts Workshop at Northcroft Lane at 2.40; will visit Newbury District Museum at The Wharf at 4.40; and, as patron, will attend a concert as part of the fifteenth international Newbury Spring Festival at Highclere Castle at 7.55.

Princess Alexandra, as Vice-President of the British Red Cross, will present the General Service Medal Northern Ireland to St John and Red Cross Service hospital welfare officers at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 3.15; and will attend a reception in aid of the Community Centre in Israel project at Salters' Hall at 6.50.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacob Jordaens, painter, Antwerp, 1593; Dame Nellie Melba, soprano, Richmond, near Melbourne, 1861; Lady Astor, first woman to take her seat as an MP, Danville, Virginia, 1879; Ho Chi-Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam 1954-69, Kim-lien, Vietnam, 1890; Sir Michael Balcon, film producer, Birmingham, 1896; Charles Mark Boxer (Marc), cartoonist, 1931; Alma Cogan, singer, London, 1932.

DEATHS: Alcuin, scholar, Tours, France, 804; St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 961-88, Canterbury, 988; Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII, executed, London, 1536; James Boswell, biographer of Samuel Johnson, London, 1795; Nathaniel Hawthorne, novelist, Plymouth, New Hampshire, 1864; José Martí, Cuban patriot and poet, Dos Rios, 1895; William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886 and 1892-94, Hawarden, Clwyd, 1898; T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Clouds Hill, Dorset, 1935; Charles Ives, composer, New York, 1954; Coleman Hawkins, jazz musician, New York, 1969; Ogden Nash, humorist and writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1971; Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate 1972-84, Trewretherick, North Cornwall, 1984.

Memorial service

Sir John McMichael
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Sir John McMichael was held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev John McIndoe officiated. Professor Andrew McMichael, son, and Professor J.P. Shillingford read the lessons and Sir Christopher Booth gave an address. Miss Juliet Booth, soprano, sang Handel's *I know that my Redeemer liveth*. Among others present were:

Lady McMichael (widow), Mr and Mrs Ian McMichael, Mr and Mrs Peter McMichael, (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs Andrew McMichael (daughter-in-law), Mr Bruce McMichael, Mr Andrew McMichael, Miss Jessica McMichael, Mrs Alison Kisby and Miss Polly McMichael (grandchildren), Dr and Mrs F R Vicary (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Miss Gwen Blake (sister-in-law), Mrs J Golder, Mr and Mrs Neville Hunter, Mr and Mrs E Lancaster, Miss Mary Lancaster, Mrs C Carmichael, Miss Alice McMichael, Mrs Mary Withers.

Sir David Innes Williams (British Postgraduate Medical Federation), Sir Colin Dollery (dean, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital) and Lady Dollery, Sir Douglas Black (Royal College of Physicians), Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock (professor of medicine, London University, also representing Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine), Professor Sir Keith Peters, Sir Philip and Lady Woodfield, Sir Harry Moore, Sir Stanley Peart, Sir Anthony Dawson, Lady Medawar (Margaret Pyke Trust), Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir John Badenoch, Sir David Steel, Sir Gordon and Lady Cox, Sir Richard Bayliss, Professor Sir George Smart.

Professor I MacIntyre (William Harvey Research Institute), Mr Roger G Gibbs (chairman, Wellcome Trust) with Dr Bridget Ogilvie (director), Mr Robin Price (Wellcome Institute), Dr S G Owen (Medical Research Council), Mr W Lawrence Banks (chairman of council, Royal Postgraduate Medical School), Professor Michael Hughes (Hammersmith Hospital), Professor John Walker-Smith (St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College), Professor Keith McAdam (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), Professor Desmond Julian (British Heart Foundation and British Cardiac Society), Dr Claire Walker (Fight for Sight) and Professor C G Caro (Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine).

Lectures

Bristol Society
The Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor John Channon, was present at a Lecture delivered to the Bristol Society at the Council House on Monday night by Miss Julia Cleverdon, Chief Executive of Business in the Community. Mr St John Hartnell, the Chairman of the Society, presided. The National Westminster Bank gave a Supper afterwards and Mr Neil Brockbank, the Regional Executive Director, gave the vote of thanks.

Combar Lecture 1993
At the Inner Temple last night the Right Hon Michael Heseltine, MP, delivered a lecture on 'The Competitive Society' to members of The Commercial Bar Association, members of the Judiciary, lawyers and businessmen from the UK and abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.W.B. Bainbridge and Dr H.D.D. Brook
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Bainbridge, of Arkers Field, Ash, Kent, and Henrietta, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Charles Brook, of 7 The Hermitage, Richmond, Surrey.

Mr R.J.A. Bridgwood and Miss F.T. Luckock
The engagement is announced between Richard James Alexander, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Bridgwood, of Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, and Frances Teresa, youngest daughter of Thomas Luckock, of Barkway, Hertfordshire, and Mrs James Noble, of Cambridge.

Mr P.M. Dobbs and Miss A.J. Coombs
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of the late Mr D.H. Dobbs and of Mrs B. Dobbs, of London, and Andrea, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Coombs, of Dulwich.

Mr N.C. Gibbon and Miss S.E. Henderson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.A. Gibbon, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Samantha, elder daughter of Dr E. Henderson, of Kensington, London, and the Hon Mrs F. Henderson, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

Mr J.E.C. Henderson and Miss S.C.F. Wickens
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Dr and Mrs James Henderson, of Strone, Argyll, and Samantha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wickens, of Bosham, Chichester.

Captain D.J. Willis and Miss K. Robertson
The engagement is announced between David James, son of Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Willis, of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, and Kim, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Robertson, formerly of Hong Kong, and now of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Marriages

Mr A.L. Askew and Mme L.E. Charveriat
The marriage took place quietly in Malvern on May 8, 1993, of Anthony Askew and Lucile Charveriat.

Dr C.G. McKerron and Miss F.J. Sowerby
The marriage took place quietly in Suffolk on Saturday, May 15, of Colin, son of the late Sir Patrick and Lady McKerron, to Janet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Sowerby, of Appleby-in-Westmorland.

Mr M.L. Raffan and Miss E.M. Lewty
The marriage took place on May 15, at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, of Mr Michael Raffan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Raffan, of Thorpe Bay, to Miss Emma Lewty, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Lewty, of Kew. The Rev Peter McCrory and the Rev Julian Reindorp officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Claire Lewty. Mr Paul Stoner was best man.

A reception was held afterwards at Strawberry Hill.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The Lord Mayor, Sir Francis McWilliams, and Lady McWilliams accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies attended the 339th Annual Festival Service of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and nine other Bishops, 16 Aldermen and the Masters and Prime Wardens of 79 Livery Companies were present. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached the sermon. The Cathedral Choirs of St Paul's, Llandaff, Wells and York and London Brass took part.

The Dinner was afterwards held at Merchant Taylors' Hall at which the Lord Mayor presided and Sir John Margetson was the guest speaker.

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Psalm 16:8

BIRTHS

ADAMSON - On April 30th 1993 at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, to Barbara and Clive, a daughter and son, Charlotte and James, a sister and brother for David.

ADAMS - On May 13th 1993 in Washington D.C., to Rene (née Riley) and James, a daughter, Grace Katherine, a sister for Ella.

ARTHURS - On May 12th 1993, at home, to Joan (née Crean) and Philip, a son, Jordan Michael Lewis, a brother for Jennifer and Danielle. God bless him.

DAVIES - On 14th May 1993, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Fiona (née Evans) and Carl, a son, George Alexander Rupert.

FENTON - On 17th May 1993 at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Kathy (née Goff) and Paul, a daughter, Harriet Gabrielle Sophia, a sister for Georgina.

GRIMWADE - On March 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Roma (née Burchill) and Michael, a son and a daughter, Edward Peter Giles and Francesca Caitlin Louise.

HOOD - On May 16th at Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington to Flora (née Casement) and Henry, a son, Archibald Lyttelton Samuel (Archie).

HORROCKS - On May 15th, to Mark and Tina, a son, Samuel Frederick James.

KREFTING - On May 17th in Belgium, to Dominique (née Foubert) and Carl, a son, Frederick Guy.

LINES - On May 14th at St Thomas', to Emma (née Fox Bassett) and Michael, a daughter, Rebecca Anne Emma, a sister for Harriet.

MARGOLIS - On May 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle (née Green) and Simon, a beautiful daughter, Anouska Emily, a sister for Samuel.

MIDDLEDITCH - On 13th May, to Penny (née Letham) and Matthew, a son, Oliver John, a brother for Hattie, Georgie and Henry.

MORLEY - On May 10th, to Katie (née Friday) and Christopher, a daughter, Philippa, a sister for William.

MOSS - On May 18th 1993 at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, to Peter (née Wethered Thorn) and Christopher, a daughter, a sister for William, Alexandra and Susannah.

MYRTLE - On May 14th, to Helen (née Rogers) and Richard, a son, Archie Richard Lucas, a brother for Benjamin.

PEDEN - On 12th May 1993, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, to Anne (née Coxhead) and Michael, two lovely daughters, Madeleine Celia Maud and Dorothy Maria Rose (yet more!) sisters for Lucy, Ellen, Grace and Olivia. Deo gratias.

RILEY-ADAMS - On May 13th 1993 in Washington D.C., to Rene (née Riley) and James, a daughter, Grace Katherine, a sister for Ella.

TAPP - On May 15th, to Vicki (née Averill) and Jo, a son, Edward Thomas Jonathan, a brother for Rebecca.

THOMAS - On May 12th, to Nicola (née Francis) and Wayne, a daughter, Christina Mary, a sister for Benjamin and Joshua.

DEATHS

BENSTED - On 18th May, peacefully after a long illness, Gwenyth, much loved and missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Petersfield, on Tuesday 25th May at 1.45. Family flowers only, donations to Sue Ryder Foundation, Bordean House, Langrish, Hants. Funeral Directors, Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, tel: (0730) 262711.

CONNAH - On May 16th peacefully at Harwich Hospital with his family at his side, Trevor, aged 68. Funeral Service, noon Friday May 21st at All Saints', Wrabness. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent for Trevor's favourite charities c/o R. Gwinnell & Sons Funeral Directors (0206) 391506.

DE BERRY - On 16th May peacefully, Canon Keith, devoted husband of Betty, father of Robert, Andrew, Marion and Alison and much loved grandfather. Service at 2.30 pm on Friday May 21st at All Souls Church, Langham Place. No flowers, donations to The Church Missionary Society.

DE SOYRES - On May 14th 1993, at Beaune, France, John Francis, much loved husband and companion of Mary and dearest father of Charles and James, now reunited with his beloved daughter Pippa. Funeral at St John's Church, Lemsford, on Monday 24th May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to cancer charities.

FOREMAN - After a long illness, Joseph (Joe), a sad loss. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday 24th May at 7.30 pm at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8.

HAVELOCK - On 15th May 1993, Ellen (née Parkinson), widow of Professor Eric Havelock, died peacefully at Marblehead, Massachusetts. Dearly loved mother of Joan, John and Ronald, grandmother and great-grandmother. Graduate of Girton College and Boston University, a distinguished Director of Welfare Services for the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital and the NSPCC. Donations, if wished, to the Clement Wheeler-Bennett Memorial Fund, 94 Rosebank, London, SW6 6LJ.

LEWIS - On May 10th in France, Derek Boyer. Very dearly loved husband of Olive and much loved father of Neil and Karen and grandchildren Daniel, Jonathan and Eleanor. Funeral Monday 24th May 2 pm at All Saints Church, Grayswood, Haslemere. Family flowers only, donations to the Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

LLOYD - On May 17th peacefully in hospital, Elma aged 91. Beloved mother of Barrie and Gavin and much loved grandmother of Kirstie and Jamie. Funeral Service will take place at Guildford Crematorium Friday May 21st at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries please to Pimms Funeral Services, tel: (0483) 67394.

MAYO - On May 17th, peacefully at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Jacqueline Margaret Anne (Anne Armstrong) MBE, dearest darling wife of John and loving mother of Charles. Funeral Service at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, at 12 noon on Tuesday 25th May followed by interment at the Military Cemetery, Aldershot. Flowers or donations if desired to Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society (Combat Stress) c/o Camberley and District Funeral Services, 337 Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley (0276) 33241. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday 2nd July at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Further details will be published later or can be obtained from Help the Aged tel: (071) 336-7744.

O'DONOVAN - Ursula (née O'Leary), greatly cherished and loved actor wife of Donal, mother of Kate, Rosaleen and Daniel, gracefully and unexpectedly passed away in comfort at 09.07 hours on Monday 17th May 1993. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Parkfield Road, Saltley, Birmingham, on Thursday 20th May at 12 noon. Committal at Yardley Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Ashes interment at Brandwood End Cemetery, Kings Heath, on Friday 21st May at 2.30 pm. Donations may be sent to the Ambler Funeral Home, 350 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8LJ. Any enquiries (021) 449-6666.

PEATMAN - On May 15th, suddenly at home, Richard, darling husband of Pippa and loving father of Rebecca, Thomas, Jonathan and Oliver. Please, no flowers. Memorial Service on Friday 21st May at All Saints Church, Odiham at 2.30 pm preceeded by private cremation. Donations to the National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AS.

PENNEY - On May 4th 1993, peacefully in his sleep, Gregory Collingwood, aged 88 years, much loved brother and uncle. Funeral has already taken place.

PIZEY - Peacefully at Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, on Monday May 17th and shortly after the death of his beloved wife Phyllis of 64 years, Admiral Sir Mark Pizey GBE, CB, DSO, DL, at the age of 93. Dearly loved father of Pamela and Sarah, a dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, on Monday July 5th at 2 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers for St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund are being received by Messrs P.J. Harris Funeral Directors, 2 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, tel: (0278) 782886.

SANGAR - On 15th May, Hilda Mary (née Richards) aged 91, of Madehurst, West Sussex, widow of Lionel. Requiem and burial at St Richards Church, Slindon on Tuesday 25th May at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to 04393 467.

SCOTT - Kathy, wife of the late Malcolm Scott, died in hospital on May 17th. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation.

SHEWIN - Philippa Elizabeth died peacefully at her Loughton home on 18th May 1993. Cremation at Parndon Wood, Harlow, at 10.30 am on Wednesday 26th May 1993. Flowers to Warriner & Sons, Funeral Directors at 32 Church Hill, Loughton.

TYRRELL - Joyce Mary, peacefully at home in Toronto, Canada, in her 89th year, on May 15th. Dearly beloved aunt of Judith Wedderspoon and Tim Plumptre. Donations, if desired, to the Red Cross, in her memory.

WELTON - On May 15th, David George, dearly beloved husband of Audrey. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Wednesday May 26th at 3pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Ward 7, P.M. R.A.F. Hospital, Wendover, Bucks.

WICKES - On May 16th 1993, in the Hampshire Clinic, Marie, aged 89, widow of George, mother of Pamela, grandmother of Nicholas, Jane, Giles and Thomas. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Mapledurwell, on Friday May 21st at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, RG24 9NB.

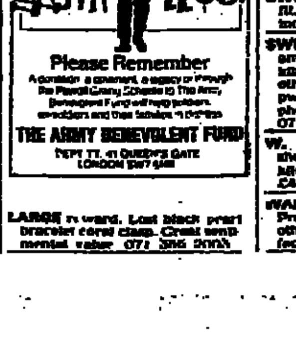
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OBITUARIES

ADMIRAL SIR MARK PIZEY

Admiral Sir Mark Pizey, GBE, CB, DSO, Commander-in-Chief Plymouth, 1955-58, and previously Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, died in Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, on May 17 aged 93. He was born on June 17, 1899.



MARK PIZEY first saw active service as a midshipman in the Dreadnought HMS *Revenge* in 1916 at the Battle of Jutland, of which he is one of the last survivors. But he is perhaps best known as the officer in command of the six old destroyers from Harwich which made a gallant but forlorn attempt to halt the German battlecruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* and the heavy cruiser *Prinz Eugen* during their celebrated "Channel Dash" from Brest to the safety of the North Sea ports in February 1942.

The failure to stop these German heavy ships sneaking through the Straits of Dover under the very noses of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force caused a wave of public indignation. Throwing aside its customary wartime restraint, *The Times* thundered: "Vice-Admiral Ciliax [the German force commander] has succeeded where the Duke of Medina Sidonia failed ... Nothing more mortifying to the pride of sea-power has happened in home waters since the 17th century."

That this had happened, however, was certainly not Pizey's fault. Indeed the valiant attempt of his hopelessly antiquated and totally outgunned force to make amends for the failures of Coastal Command and the Fleet Air Arm is one of the bright spots in an otherwise sad episode.

Ciliax's force had broken out of *Brest late on the evening of February* 11. But due to various mishaps — unlucky timing of air patrols and radar failure in those Hudson reconnaissance aircraft that were in the air — no intelligence of that fact reached England until mid-morning on February 12. By now the enemy was well past the mouth of the Somme and heading into the Straits of Dover at a brisk 27 knots.

A brave attack by six Fleet Air Arm Swordfish came to nothing; all the attacking aircraft were lost though it won its commander, Eugene Esmonde, a posthumous VC. Motor Torpedo Boat attacks from Dover and Ramsgate at midday failed, in the bad weather, either to locate the Germans or to penetrate Ciliax's destroyer screen. Piecemeal attacks by Beaufort torpedo bombers of Coastal Command in the early afternoon were likewise unsuccessful.

By this time the British effort to stop the escapers was running out of options. At 1pm Pizey, commanding the 21st Destroyer Flotilla in HMS *Campbell*, was ordered by Admiral Ramsay at Harwich to do what he could to intercept the enemy. Pizey's destroyers were all of 1914-1918 design and they were normally employed in the escort of east-coast convoys. Fighting fleet actions against fast, modern heavy ships was certainly not within their capacity. When Pizey received intelligence of Ciliax's course and speed he realised that the only hope of intercepting him lay in crossing undefined German minefields and getting into position off the mouth of the Scheldt. He immediately accepted the risk and drove his ships on an easterly interception course in foul weather.

At 3.17pm *Campbell* picked up two big ships on her radar at a range of nine miles. Notwithstanding the fact that the battlecruisers packed nine 11-inch guns each against the six 4.7-inch guns of his destroyers, he unhesitatingly closed the range and at 3.43 pm sighted *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* at a range of only four miles. Realising a gun duel was pointless against such formidable opposition Pizey pressed on into torpedo range and at 3,500 yards *Campbell* and *Vivacious* both made torpedo attacks. A third destroyer, *Worcester*, managed to get within 2,400 yards and was severely damaged by gunfire in doing so. In all, five destroyers attacked, but though hits were believed to have been made, the German ships managed to avoid all the torpedoes. However, their harassment may have been a contributory factor in *Scharnhorst*'s hitting a mine, which stopped her for a time. Altogether it was a valiant attempt, pressed home with fearless resolution, and perhaps deserved more success than it reaped.

Later attacks by Bomber Command could not prevent *Gneisenau* and *Prinz Eugen* reaching the Elbe on the morning of February 13. At the same time the damaged *Scharnhorst* limped into Jade Bay and berthed at Wilhelmshaven.

Charles Thomas Mark Pizey, was the son of the Rev C. E. Pizey, a Somerset vicar. He began his career in the Merchant Navy, but in March 1916, as a midshipman, RNR, was appointed to HMS *Revenge* in the Grand Fleet. In the year following Jutland he transferred to the Royal Navy.

Between the wars he had a number of sea appointments, including a spell in the cruiser *Danae*, in which he made a cruise round the world with the special service squadron. In 1929 he returned to his old ship, *Revenge*, as flag lieutenant-commander to Vice-Admiral Howard Kelly, second-in-command in the Mediterranean.

On the outbreak of the second world war he took command of the Cunard White Star liner *Ausonia*, drafted into the Royal Navy as an armed merchant cruiser for service in the Atlantic. In June 1940, he was given command of HMS *Campbell* as Captain of the 21st Destroyer Flotilla, operating in the Channel and North Sea. For his leadership in escorting convoys up and down the east coast, countering attacks by enemy aircraft and E Boats, he was awarded the DSO in January 1942. Shortly afterwards he led the flotilla in its attack on the German battle cruisers, for which he was appointed CB.

Among his subsequent wartime jobs were command of the depot-ship *Tyne*, in which he was chief staff officer to the Rear-Admiral (Destroyers) Home Fleet. As such he took part in the escort of convoys to Russia — notably of PQ18 in the depth of winter — and gained a bar to the DSO. In 1944 he was appointed *Director of Operations (Home)*, and served at the Admiralty for the rest of the war.

His postwar promotion was swift. After passing through the Imperial Defence College, he went in 1948 to Australia as chief of the United Kingdom liaison staff. From 1950 he was in the Mediterranean where he commanded the First Cruiser Squadron in succession to Earl Mountbatten. In 1951 Mountbatten chose him for secondment to the fledgling Indian Navy and he spent the next four years as Commander-in-Chief presiding over its development into a modern fighting force. As such he is regarded as the "father" of the Indian Navy. He returned home in 1955 and was appointed Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth.

He retired in 1958 and he and his wife bought a smallholding at Sevington near Ilminster, where he reared pigs and she ran a highly successful market garden. For the last twenty years they had lived at Burnham-on-Sea, where Pizey was much involved with the sea cadets. He was a Deputy Lieutenant for Somerset. He had been created KBE in 1953 and advanced to GBE in 1957.

When the destroyer *Campbell* had finally gone to the breaker's yard after the war Pizey had been presented with the ship's wheel. In his Burnham house it occupied pride of place in the front hall, where his wife made sure its brass fittings were kept highly polished.

His wife, Phyllis, whom he had married in 1928 and who gave him unstinting support in everything he did, died last month. He is survived by their two daughters.

JILL NEATE

Jill Neate, mountaineering bibliographer and historian, died suddenly on Blencathra Fell in the Lake District on May 12 aged 58. She was born on October 10, 1934.



JILL Neate's *Mountaineering Literature* (1986), an enlarged version of an earlier work, is a seminal work of its kind, the renowned authority on the literature of mountains and climbing. Booksellers all over the world identify items in their catalogues by their "Neate" numbers, and take immoderate delight when they are able to advertise some obscure piece of ephemera as "Not in Neate".

Born in Finchley, William Neate (as she then was) was educated at Merchant Taylors School and qualified as a chartered accountant, working for the Institute of Chartered Accountants. There she moved into management consultancy and company secretarial services.

William Neate had first climbed in Britain and the Alps in 1953, and gradually a holiday pursuit became an obsession. With his parents' death in 1970 he moved to Keswick in the Lake District and embarked on a career of mountaineering scholarship. At the same time there began the long process towards a change in sexual identity which culminated in the emergence of Jill Neate.

As regards her work, the patient accumulation of obscure detail suited her mathematical mind and contemplative nature. She set herself to chronicle the exploration of those areas of the world which received little attention in the standard literature.

Mountaineering in the Andes, which was first published by the Royal Geographical Society in 1987 as a source book for climbers, was an ambitious attempt to collate the elusive literature of South American mountaineering. The project took seven years to complete, and since a large percentage of the two thousand and more references tracked down were in Spanish, it required her to add a working knowledge of that language to the French and German she already possessed. Other languages were added later, and she enjoyed corresponding with other enthusiasts around the world.

Her major work, *High Asia, an illustrated history of the 7,000 metre peaks* followed in 1989 to wide acclaim. She also produced a catalogue of Lake District writings and translated a number of books and guidebooks into English.

She was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and member of the Alpine Club. For a number of years she was an active member of the Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, attending over 200 rescues and searches with them, as well as organising exhibitions and lectures.

When not scrambling around the Lake District, she was fond of gardening, cats and browsing through second-hand bookshops. Although a very private person, she was a popular figure among the locals at Keswick.

WOLFGANG LOTZ

Wolfgang Lotz, master spy of the Israeli secret service, who operated in Egypt during the 1960s, died in Munich on May 14. He was born in Mannheim, Germany, in 1921.



WOLFGANG Lotz was a man of great charm with a taste for the good life which earned him the name of "The Champagne Spy" from his paymasters in the Israeli secret service. Married five times, he lived a life of adventure which gained him a reputation as an Israeli James Bond.

His mother was a Jewish actress and his father, a non-Jew, was a theatre director in Berlin and Hamburg. "I inherited a certain degree of acting ability from them both — a vital asset in my profession later", Lotz wrote in his memoirs. His parents divorced in the early 1930s and his mother, realising there was no future for them in Hitler's Germany, came with her son to Palestine in 1933.

Lotz was sent to study at an agricultural school where he developed his lifelong love of horses, which later provided an important part of his cover as a spy. In 1937 at the age of 16 he joined the Haganah, the underground Jewish army in Palestine, undertaking mounted patrols through hostile Arab areas.

When the second world war broke out he forged the birthdate on his papers and joined the British Army as a volunteer. After commando training he was sent to Egypt where his linguistic skills in English and German (as well as Arabic and Hebrew) were used in behind-the-lines operations and the interrogation of German PoWs.

After the war he engaged in arms smuggling for the Haganah and in 1948 joined the fledgling Israel Defence Forces fighting in the Jerusalem area. By 1956 he was a major with an infantry brigade which fought in the Suez campaign.

Twice-married and divorced by then, "life was beginning to grow dull when I was approached by the Israeli secret service" he recalled.

In fact it was Israeli military intelligence which had spotted Lotz, who had taken the Hebrew name Ze'ev Gur-Arieh, as a potential agent with just the right Aryan looks and qualifications for a planned insertion into Egypt as an ex-German army officer.

Lotz had dual nationality and so could use his genuine German name and identity papers. His cover story had him living in Germany from birth serving in Rommel's Afrika Korps during the war and then moving to Australia where he had supposedly made a fortune as a racehorse owner and breeder before returning to Germany.

At the end of 1960, after a year in Germany to strengthen his cover, Lotz travelled to Cairo where his charm and big-spending won him entry into the fashionable Cavalry Club and gained him friends among Egyptian society and senior military officers, especially the club president General Ghorab — who was also head of Egypt's police force.

It was the general himself who suggested that Lotz establish a stud farm in Egypt and Lotz's position was cemented even further when a leading Nazi living in Egypt insisted that he knew the Jewish spy as a former SS officer.

On a return trip to Europe — ostensibly for business but in reality to meet his Israeli controller — Lotz was tasked with learning about Egypt's fortifications and military build-up, and with acquiring information on the German scientists and experts in aircraft, rockets and biological warfare who were being recruited by the Egyptians.

Setting off on the Orient Express for a leisurely journey back to Egypt, Lotz met Waltraud, "a tall, extremely pretty blue-eyed blonde with the kind of curvaceous figure I always had a weakness for."

After a whirlwind courtship he married the German girl telling her he was a secret agent but only revealing some time later that he was an Israeli. His wife willingly helped him. Although not Jewish, she had a strong admiration for the Israelis.

But in February 1965, almost five years to the day that he arrived in Cairo, Wolfgang Lotz and his wife were arrested as spies. Egyptian security agents showed them the radio transmitter which they had found in his bathroom scales. Russian radio experts had helped the Egyptians trace the transmissions.

Lotz realised the game was up — almost. But he staunchly maintained that he was a German who had agreed to work for the Israelis only for money. The fact that he was never circumcised help keep his cover intact, and saved him from being sentenced to death as a Jewish spy.

Lotz was given life imprisonment and hard labour while Waltraud was sentenced to three years in jail. Both were released together with four other captured Israeli agents in 1967 in an exchange deal for thousands of Egyptians taken prisoner in the Six Day War.

Lotz and his wife, who converted to Judaism, settled in Israel and started a horse farm. But Waltraud was in poor health and died in 1973. Her death and a series of business difficulties affected Lotz badly.

Eventually he tried to settle in Germany, writing books (including a *Guide for Spies*) engaging in business activities, and marrying (and divorcing) twice more.

Wolfgang Lotz is survived by a son from his second marriage.

DOM BEDE GRIFFITHS

Dom Bede Griffiths, Benedictine monk, died on May 13 aged 86. He was born in Walton-on-Thames on December 17, 1906.

DOM Bede Griffiths was an English Benedictine monk who pioneered a Hindu style of Christian monasticism. To his ashram in South India came numerous pilgrims, seeking to explore Eastern philosophies.

Alan Richard Griffiths was educated at Christ's Hospital and Magdalen College, Oxford, where C. S. Lewis was his tutor in his final year. The two men became close friends, having a love of imaginative literature in common. Religiously, though, they went in different directions. Griffiths was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1931 and entered the Benedictine monastery of Prinknash. He was ordained priest in 1940. In 1947 he went to the priory at Farnborough as prior, and in 1951 to the new Scottish priory at Pluscarden as novice master.

Griffiths had been studying the vedanta for many years when in 1955 he was invited to assist in the foundation of a Benedictine monastery in India. This was not a success but two years later, with an Indian priest and a Cistercian monk, Father Francis Mahiue, he founded a Benedictine community, Kurisumala Ashram, in Kerala.

They adopted the saffron habit of the Hindu sanyasi, following the life-style of the Indian peasant, even working a plot of land. Griffiths also organised a Tamil-Nadu weavers' co-operative. Liturgically, the community adopted the West Syrian rite. In 1968 Griffiths and two other monks moved eastwards to Saccidananda Ashram, at Shantivanam, founded by two Catholic priests.

Griffiths and his companions now adopted a more fully Indian community style, in a sort of Christian ashram. Living in individual thatched huts, they met three times a day for informal prayer which included texts not only from the Bible and the Christian traditions, but from Vedas, the Koran and the Granth Sahib of the Sikhs. Every two or three years Griffiths would return to Europe and travel to America for a series of lecture tours.

His religious experiment was sometimes resented by his fellow Catholics, not least in India itself, but in 1982 his



ashram was able to make a link with the Camaldolese Order (founded 1012 AD), a monastic order which combined the eremitical and the communal ways of life..

This proved a welcome source of assurance, counsel and friendship. The intervening years had not been easy. People came and went and for a short time Griffiths was quite alone. A man of great gentleness, he was often exploited. However, eventually two long-time Indian brothers persevered and became Camaldolese monks, eventually being ordained as priests at the church of San Gregoria near Rome.

Griffiths expounded his insights in books, partly autobiographical, partly theological and philosophical. *The Golden String* (1954) was immediately recognised as an exceptional work of religious autobiography. *Christian Ashram* (1966) outlined his ideas about how Indian Catholicism and the future universal church might develop. He believed strongly that Christianity needed to learn from oriental religions.

There followed *Vedanta and Christian Faith* (1974) and *Return to the Centre* (1976). With *The Marriage of East and West* (1982) Griffiths's life and writing began to interest a younger generation.

In 1989 he issued a final and detailed exposition of his ideas in *A New Vision of Reality*, a text challenging in a prophetic way all the assumptions of modern society. He envisaged the breakdown of modern civilisation, based on exploitation of scientific knowledge without regard for people or the world as a whole, urging again the spiritual truth found in all the great religions, while stressing the uniqueness of Christianity. His final book — though there is an anthology of world scriptures still to be published — was entitled *The New Creation in Christ* (1992); it was inspired by the upsurge in the number of Christian meditation groups and the work of Benedictine Monk Dom John Main.

He was the recipient of the John Harriott Award for his life's work from the hands of Cardinal Hume, though he could not be present personally due to a stroke.

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EXECUTIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA
A LONG TALE OF HORROR

From Our Correspondent
ISTANBUL, May 18

Reports from very reliable sources on the situation in Yugoslavia tell a long tale of ruthless savagery and horror. In all parts of Yugoslavia inhabited by Serbs, Germans, Hungarians, and Bulgarians are competing with each other in cold-blooded massacres aiming at the extermination of the Serbian people. Since the invasion, exclusive of those killed in actual war operations and air bombing, the number of victims of mass executions amounts to many thousand.

Here are some details. At Vrsatz a priest, Brashovan, a merchant, Duya Radak, and 28 other persons were hanged; at Alibunar Professor Verkichevitch and 70 students — who volunteered for service and who were awaiting enrolment in civilian clothes — were shot; at Pantchevo a priest, Maxim, and 15 inhabitants were hanged. This list could be continued *ad infinitum*, covering practically every Serbian town and village.

I have seen photographs smuggled out of Serbia showing Serbian youths and a woman hanged from trees in a forest, and also a row of corpses lying along a wall after execution by shooting. In some instances the pretext for this wholesale murder was that it was a reprisal for the shooting of German officers and men, but often even a pretext is not used, as the victims are selected from among leading citizens on the denunciation of the Gestapo for having taken part in demonstrations against Yugoslav adhesion to the Tripartite Pact.

The Hungarians have also been fairly thorough in frightfulness in the parts of Yugoslavia occupied by them. At Novisad they hanged a priest, Dzankulof, the democratic leader Alexander Motch, and 49 leading citizens. Eighty thousand Serbs have been expelled at short notice from the territory now occupied by Hungary.

The Bulgarians have acted with the same savagery in Serbian Macedonia, executing many priests and members of patriotic societies. A Bulgarian named Piperkoff distinguished himself at Skoplje for ruthless cruelty. All persons born after 1912, or who came to Serbian Macedonia after that date, have been expelled by the Bulgarians, with the result that often husbands are separated from their wives and mothers from children. The Bulgarian attempt at the "Bulgarization" of Macedonia was so thorough that the Germans intervened at Ochrida and Struga and took over the administration of those districts.

In spite of this ruthless repression and attempt at deliberate extermination, the Serbian people maintain their indomitable courage. About 50,000 to 60,000 men, commanded by officers of the Yugoslav Army, and divided into groups of 100 to 600 men, armed with rifles, hand-grenades, machine-guns, and even small field guns, are still carrying on guerrilla warfare in the mountains.

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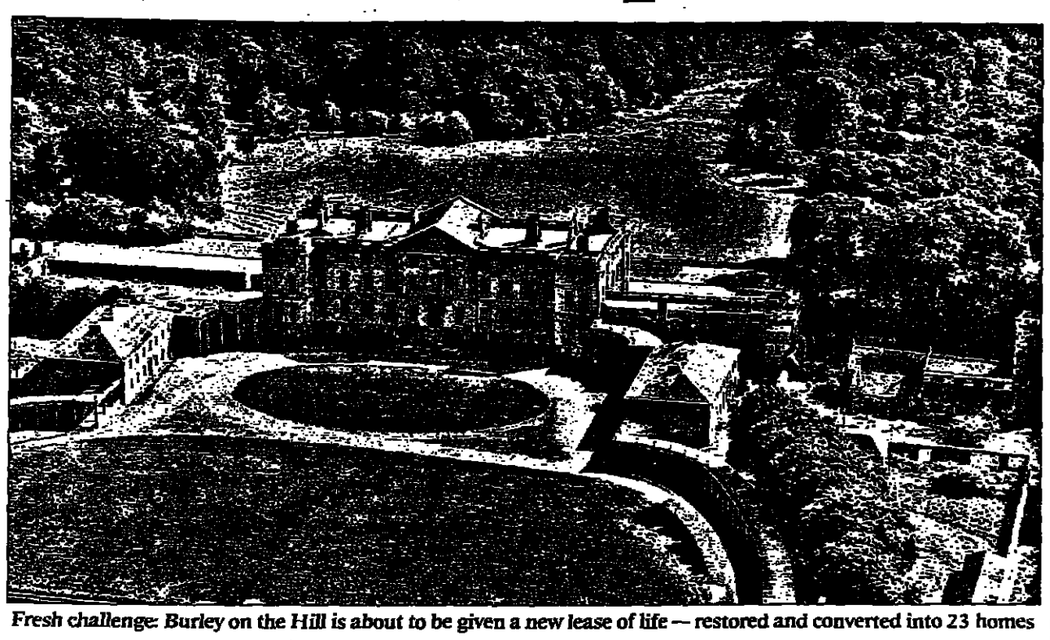
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A part of Asil's palace

Christine Webb on the latest venture of a man who converts crumbling mansions



Fresh challenge: Burley on the Hill is about to be given a new lease of life — restored and converted into 23 homes

A magnificent mansion, formerly owned by Asil Nadir, could soon be housing its first residents since Mr Nadir was forced to sell it 17 months ago.

Mr Nadir reputedly paid £7 million in 1989 for the house, Burley on the Hill, and 750 acres overlooking Rutland Water, in Leicestershire. He intended to create an 80-bedroom hotel with golf courses. But the following year his company, Polly Peck, went into receivership, and in December 1991 he sold Burley and 68 acres to Kit Martin, a developer. Mr Nadir was due to stand trial in September on charges of theft and false accounting but jumped bail earlier this month and is now in Cyprus.

Mr Martin's name is synonymous with the commercial restoration of dilapidated mansions. He rescues a crumbling Grade I listed stately home by dividing it vertically into units without marring its outward appearance. He then sells these as self-contained freehold homes.

Burley and its outbuildings are about to be turned into 23 homes, seven of which will be in the main house. Mr Martin's reputation is such that he already has five buyers lining up for properties costing from £135,000 to £495,000.

The east wing is practically a house already, fronting on to its own garden. The rest of the homes in the main house will have at least one fine feature. The south wing will take in the "Adam" room, decorated with neo-classical fluted columns and delicate plasterwork, the library section gets a Regency drawing room, with circular gilded ceiling decorations.

All the freeholders will have the use of two splendid reception rooms under the portico of the house. They will pay about £300 a year for the upkeep of common grounds and will have access to 400 acres of parkland and woods.



Past success: Mr Martin and his wife Sally at Gunton Park

Burley is the ninth ancestral seat Mr Martin has taken on. In January, he acquired the tenth, Stoneleigh Abbey, in Warwickshire. His efforts have also rescued Hazells Hall, in Bedfordshire, Gunton Hall, in Norfolk, and the Scottish piles Cullen House, Callaly Castle and Tyninghame.

The architect's interest in great houses is not only financial. Mr Martin is the son of Sir Leslie Martin, the former professor of architecture at Cambridge University. Mr Martin says: "I feel I want to save these houses from the wolves. I started doing this because they were all disappearing. It's got to be a wonderful building in a marvellous position: there's no point spending several years restoring something if there's a cement factory in front of it. The idea is to do something really worth doing.

"Burley is completely run down, so we have to do major restoration of the fabric while we convert. We'll make five or six houses at a time, and it will take three to four years to finish."

About 50 local craftsmen will work on site: stonemasons, plasterers repairing the elaborate ceilings and cornices, and a team of art restorers whose task is to rescue wall paintings by Lanscroon in the great stairwell.

English Heritage looks on Mr Martin's work with pleasure. "We think his work is to a very high standard. It's done with sensitivity. He has considerable appreciation of the historical and architectural importance of the buildings, he does it from an informed point of view," a spokeswoman says.

Michael Parkin, an art dealer, lives in a seven-bedroom section of Gunton Hall, Norfolk, with his wife and daughter. "We've got many of the advantages of living in a stately home without any of the costs. Our living room is 38 ft by 40 ft, we've got serious space, yet it's a cosy house."

"We enjoy it very, very much indeed. We have our own drive so we are separate from everyone if we want to be but at the same time having a group of people there is much better from a security point of view. It's terrific for our daughter because she can run around in safety. We have a four-acre garden, then there are rabbits and deer in the park outside. And we pay just £100 a year for the common parts to be mown."

Save Britain's Heritage is also supportive of Mr Martin's work. Marianne Watson-Smyth, the society's secretary, says: "We think it's magnificent how he's restored these houses which really didn't appear to have any future. He's never compromised the settings of buildings.

"It's a question of doing it in the right way and not setting out to make too much money. It's not easy to do it as well as he does. The vertical idea is ideal because rooms don't have to be divided. People can have their own front doors, it keeps everyone happy and he seems to have done rather well out of it too."

Try to give a house a sporting chance

Buyers are prepared to pay a premium for a home overlooking a golf course or cricket ground

With the return of summer comes the sound of "Howzats", the swish of the golf club and the occasional shout of "Fore!". Now is the season when houses with sporting links come in to their own.

Living near an important sporting venue may not be everyone's idea of heaven. A house near a football ground, say, is probably not very attractive to any but the faithful fans. Transport that same house to a site overlooking, for instance, a cricket ground and the outlook is very different.

The second cricket Test between England and Australia will be held at Lord's, St John's Wood, northwest London, next month. The properties which offer a view of this hallowed verdure come with a substantional price tag.

In Cavendish Close, a private street behind the ground, John D. Wood has a six-bedroom house with a 68-year lease for sale at £1.9 million. A newly constructed sixth-floor penthouse apartment with three bedrooms comes on to the market next month across the road from the ground. Its lease stands at 111 years and Hamptons is asking £495,000.

Across the road from the Royal Troon golf course, in Ayrshire, which is hosting the Open for the sixth time in 1997, is 1 Monkton Hall, a four-bedroom apartment within an Edwardian house. It is on sale with Savills for upwards of £225,000.

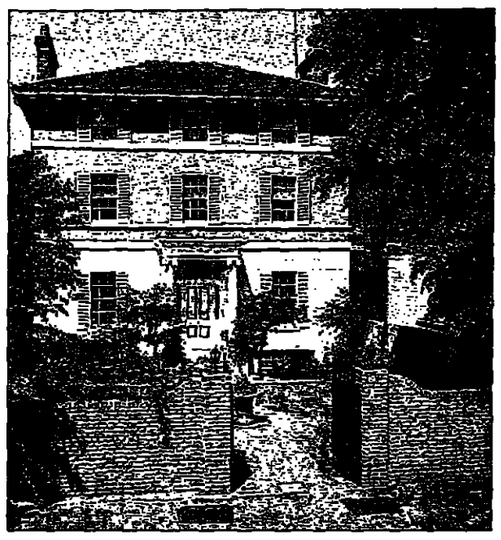
Back down south to Wentworth golf course, in Surrey, where the Volvo PGA tournament starts on May 28. Hamptons is selling Fairwinds, a house with seven bedrooms, an outdoor swimming pool and access to the 16th green, for £750,000.

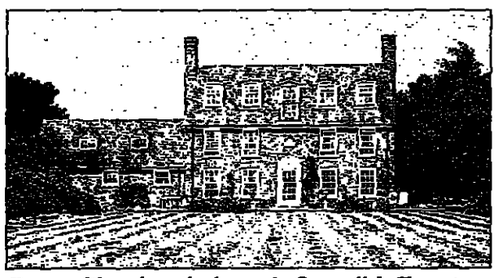
For those who have a preference for watersports, there are several options available. Anyone who enjoys the regatta at Henley-on-Thames may be interested in Pel Fold, a ten-bedroom house fronting on to the river, which is on sale with Knight Frank & Rutley for £750,000. It is just a stroll along the bank from the Pimms-swilling hordes and has a boathouse with slipway.

With a direct view over the Solent and its summer of yacht races, John D. Wood has Lee House, in Lymington, Hampshire, which has five bedrooms, a tennis court and swimming pool. To secure this seaside seat for the Cowes week action the price of admission is £595,000.

Given that the proximity to a prestigious venue does raise the price of a house, the sports fanatic might do better to stay in and watch television instead. This may not quite offer the authentic atmosphere of the real thing, but at least there are action replays.

JAMES FISHER

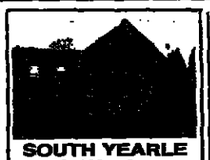




Room with a view: the house in Cavendish Close, top, overlooking Lord's, and Lee House, on the Solent



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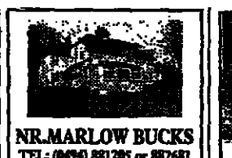
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NEWS

Denmark says yes to Maastricht

■ Denmark said yes to the Maastricht treaty last night, with the first referendum votes counted predicting 55.8 per cent in favour and 44.2 per cent against.

"No" campaigners conceded defeat. Drude Dahlerup of the anti-treaty June Movement said: "It's a historic decision going the wrong way." As European partners breathed a sigh of relief, John Major prepared to speed Britain's ratification of the treaty. ..... **Pages 1, 11, 16, 17, 23**

Russia drops Bosnia peace plan

■ Russia, acknowledging disarray over the Bosnian civil war, called off its proposed meeting of the United Nations Security Council. The Russians accepted that the allies had not yet concerted their plans, and brushed away suggestions that Moscow had been snubbed by America. ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Tyneside enquiry

Sir John Bourn, the public spending auditor, agreed to conduct an independent investigation into Swan Hunter's loss of a Royal Naval contract which threatens to kill off Tyneside's shipbuilding industry..... **Page 2**

Clarke attacked

The national conference of the Police Federation, which represents 120,000 junior police officers, was told that putting Kenneth Clarke in charge of policing was akin to putting King Herod in charge of Mothercare. The conference was debating his proposals for reforming police discipline. ..... **Page 2**

Academic victory

Women academics and their supporters struck a blow for equal rights at Oxford University by blocking plans for 15 new professorships, which they feared would go to men. **Page 3**

Allitt challenge

Parents of the victims of nurse Beverly Allitt demanded a meeting with the health secretary to challenge her decision not to hold a public enquiry into events surrounding the killings. **Page 5**

Chess threat

The British Chess Federation is preparing to fight a threat by Fide, the game's governing body, to strip Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov of their official rating if they compete in *The Times* World Chess Championship..... **Page 6**

Elderly abused

Sexual abuse of the elderly is unrecognised because the public refuses to accept that many old people retain an interest in sex. Victims may be unaware or unable to seek help because they suffer dementia. ..... **Page 7**

Pensions rethink

Peter Lilley will today bow to backbench Tory pressure and tone down plans to encourage people to have their pensions paid into banks, easing a perceived threat to thousands of post offices. ..... **Page 9**

ANC policy shift

A significant shift away from the doctrine of unitary government by the African National Congress has paved the way for negotiations to begin at the multi-party constitutional talks on the shape of a post-apartheid South Africa. ..... **Page 10**

Boycott blow

The American decision to boycott Friday's planned summit of United Nations Security Council foreign ministers on Bosnia-Herzegovina killed the meeting and threw peace efforts into greater disarray..... **Page 12**

Coup trial halted

The trial of 12 former Soviet officials accused of plotting against President Gorbachev was suspended after the dismissal of the prosecuting team because of the publication of a book, *Kremlin Plot*, by the prosecutor-general. ..... **Page 13**

Britons still hear the word of God

■ Britain remains a God-fearing country, according to a survey of 19,000 people in 14 countries. The United States tops the league table, but more Irish pray daily than believers anywhere else. In Britain nearly 70 per cent believe in God and more than half in life after death. More than four out of ten also believe in fortune tellers. ..... **Page 3**



Pointed out: Joseph Wright's An Iron Forge, saved from auction in November and acquired for £2.2 million in a private treaty sale, is hung yesterday at the Tate Gallery, London, in the room dedicated to other group portraits from the 18th century

BUSINESS

Pay boost: Marks & Spencer became Britain's most profitable retailer, earning £737 million before tax last year, and has given staff a 6 per cent pay rise. ..... **Page 23**

BA cash call: British Airways is raising £442 million through a rights issue of new shares after pre-tax profits fell to £185 million from £434 million. ..... **Page 23**

Markets: An early 11 point advance in the FTSE-100 was lost as dealers responded to disappointing manufacturing figures and cautious trading statements and the index closed down 10.8 at 2,847.3. The pound rose .96 pfennigs to DM2.4852 but eased .42 cents to $1.5320. ..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Tennis: Monica Seles announced that she was withdrawing from Wimbledon and the French Open because of the injuries she received in a knife attack at a tournament in Germany last month. ..... **Page 40**

Football: The Football Association has blocked Arsenal's plans to show instant replays during their matches next season after the Highbury club announced plans to build two video screens at a cost of £2.5 million. ..... **Page 40**

Cricket: England will attempt to put behind them their disastrous winter tour of India and Sri Lanka when they meet Australia in the one-day international at Old Trafford today..... **Page 40**

FEATURES

Eternal youth: It is easy to assume that women are at their best in the first blossom of youth; but some gawky teenagers can develop into scintillating 35-year-olds, while prim and dowdy 25-year-olds can end up rivetingly interesting old ladies. Peter Millar discusses women and aging. ..... **Page 15**

MEDIA

Battling for readers: With six out of ten readers buying their paper at news-stands it is the front pages that are the most vital weapons in capturing readers for their daily fix of sex and sensation. Brian MacArthur writes on the circulation war between *The Sun* v the *Daily Mirror*..... **Page 32**

ARTS

Moore's in town: Sweeping into London to confront dozens of journalists, *Indecent Proposal* star Demi Moore reveals why she seeks such total control over her image..... **Page 33**

Lyons' new look: Lyons has re-opened its opera house after a six-year closure and £50 million facelift by leading French architect Jean Nouvel. ..... **Page 33**

Bates at large: A rare staging of Bernhard's *The Showman* is a showcase for Alan Bates, playing a megalomaniac actor. ..... **Page 34**

Sponsors abroad: Today the government will announce an overseas expansion in its arts sponsorship scheme. ..... **Page 35**

PROPERTY



Ann Alexander, solicitor for eight families of victims of nurse Beverly Allitt, said an internal hospital enquiry had produced a cover-up
Page 5



Steve Backley has thrown his support behind a scheme, organised by the national coach, to find the next British javelin champion
Page 42



President Mitterrand said Channel tunnel travellers would race across France but "daydream at very low speed" in England
Page 1

THE TIMES TOMORROW

How to keep your council

■ Who will save the two-tier council system? Matthew Parris looks on his own doorstep to see the effects of local government reorganisation

Pirates on the palace steps

■ Buckingham Palace will soon be open to visitors. Will the touts be able to cope with the demand?

Tough guy pauses for thought

■ Jean-Claude Van Damme, the Hollywood hero from Belgium who usually lets his biceps do the talking, is making a bid for respectability with his latest film role

TV LISTINGS

British Rail's embattled south-eastern division comes under the spotlight in *Old, Dirty and Late* (BBC1, 9.30pm). ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

An anxious yes

The Danes have accepted the treaty only as long as the main thrust is not applied to them. And they have done so not out of enthusiasm for the rest of its provisions, but out of fear that they will otherwise be cast out of the club. ..... **Page 17**

Patients come first

The Allitt investigation should leave no doubt that the safety of the public must take precedence over "fair" employment practices in the public sector. ..... **Page 17**

Crossrail crossroads

Crossrail has become a model of sensible co-operation between British Rail and London Underground, as well as a touchstone of the government's new commitment to public transport. That commitment is on the brink of betrayal. ..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

In the light of the Danish vote, I would recommend the post-modern style for students of Maastricht. To this school, the treaty is still-born, dead in the water, rotten on the vine. Ratify or don't ratify, it makes no difference. ..... **Page 16**

LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN

It may be as difficult to have a marginal military intervention as it is to have a marginal pregnancy. The tendency to view armed force as a "last resort" means that it is rarely considered before matters become desperate. ..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

The British Museum and British Library reply to criticisms of the use of the Shaw bequest. ..... **Page 17**

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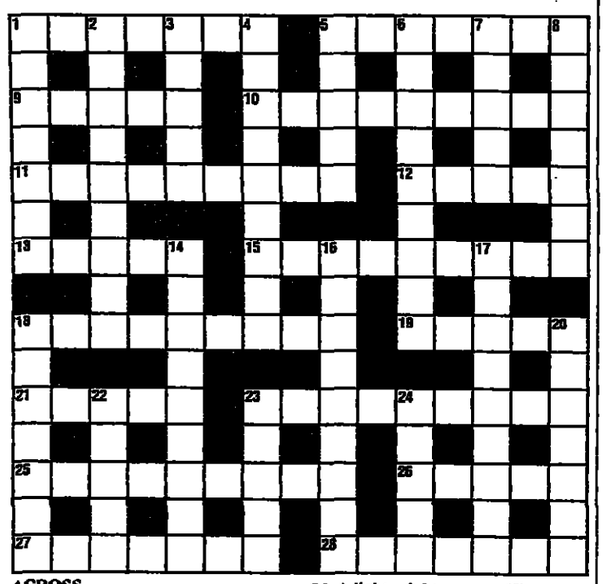
It's time for Clinton to use his powers of persuasion on the wisdom of taking action in Bosnia. He should ignore the weekend referendum and get on with his plans for bringing peace to the region. The referendum was a sham ... guaranteed with intimidation.

— USA Today

It was no surprise that the referendum rejected the UN Vance-Owen peace plan. It preserves the formal structure of a unitary state, and the Bosnian Serbs reject such a state.

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,234



ACROSS

1 Put in lodgings for three months (7).
5 "God help us!", they say (7).
9 Caustic, that's about right (5).
10 Does he put out the Gulf States? (4,5).
11 Hotly pursuing and, for decapitation, sinfully capturing King Charles (2,4,3).
12 Gazelle showing spirit (5).
13 Verbally made fun of leader (5).
15 Pub ghost reported by policeman (9).
18 Lunatic or cynic, for example, of extreme coldness (9).
19 Mock wolf (5).
21 Simple one is found in the centre of church (5).
23 An area where understanding is lacking — poker stakes, all of them (5,4).
25 Worthy of repeal, but not in the usual way (9).
26 A lightweight creature (5).
27 Victim holding man's horse (7).
28 Fool returned, looked around, and had a bash (7).

DOWN

1 Jittery as a ruler (7).
2 Unsubstantial, breezy creature of mythology (4-5).
3 Boy takes it climbing, going up and down (5).
4 Row about editor's price-cut (9).
5 Stalwart held up by normally feeble people (5).
6 Music-makers go fishing on Sunday (9).
7 Given time, one becomes a beautiful woman (5).
8 Church embraced by sunny student (7).
14 Chopper used to make meringue (3-6).
16 See garlic misused — that's blasphemy! (9).
17 Pay went on fluctuating everyday (3,1,5).
18 Spell may go wrong (7).
20 Fool brings two articles into fashion for a while (7).
22 At the first, inexperienced member played extremely long drive (5).
23 Copper coin in reserve (5).
24 Saints following doctor round? Rubbish! (5).

The Eliminator puzzle, which competitors for the Bristol and London A and B finals of The Times Knockando Crossword Championship must attempt, appears tomorrow.

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,233

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WEATHER

Some central and southeastern parts of England will start cloudy with thundery rain, but will become brighter with sunny spells. The rest of England, and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, will start bright with sunshine, but scattered showers in western areas will become more general and locally heavy, perhaps thundery. Eastern coasts may be misty. Temperatures similar to yesterday's. Outlook: unsettled, with rain moving north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Madrid	16	61	c
Alicatnt	22	72	s	Majorca	20	68	f
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malaga	23	73	f
Algiers	23	73	c	Malta	23	73	s
Amst'dam	16	64	c	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	22	72	f	Mexico C*	26	79	s
Bangkok	29	84	t	Miami*	32	90	s
Barbads*	31	88	f	Milan	25	77	s
Barcelna	20	68	s	Montreal*	13	55	c
Belgrade	24	75	s	Moscow	24	75	s
Berlin	23	73	s	Munich	24	75	s
Bermuda*	24	75	s	Nairobi	26	77	f
Biarritz	15	59	r	Naples	23	73	f
Borde'x	15	59	c	N Delhi	31	88	s
Brussels	20	68	r	N York*	20	68	s
Budapst	25	77	f	Nice	20	68	s
B Aires*	19	66	c	Oslo	19	66	s
Cairo	27	81	c	Paris	18	66	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Peking	30	86	s
Chicago*	16	61	c	Perth	17	63	f
Ch'church	10	50	c	Prague	23	73	s
Cologne	23	73	f	Reykjavik	7	45	s
C'phagn	19	66	s	Rhodes	22	72	f
Corfu	23	73	s	Rio de J	24	75	f
Dublin	12	54	c	Riyadh	38	100	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Rome	24	75	s
Faro	15	59	c	Salzburg	26	79	s
Florence	26	79	f	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Frankfurt	24	75	f	Santiago*	21	70	s
Funchal	19	66	f	Seoul	23	73	s
Geneva	22	72	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Gibraltar	19	66	c	St'kholm	22	72	s
Helsinki	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Hong K	29	84	f	Sydney	15	59	c
Innsbruck	25	77	f	Tangier	19	66	c
Istanbul	21	70	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Jeddah	40	104	s	Tenerife	22	72	f
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Tokyo	19	66	c
Karachi	33	91	s	Toronto*	11	52	f
L Palmas	23	73	f	Tunis	28	82	s
Le Tquet	15	59	f	Valencia	25	77	f
Lisbon	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	17	63	s
Locarno	19	66	d	Venice	25	77	s
London	16	61	f	Vienna	25	77	s
L Angels*	21	70	s	Warsaw	23	73	f
Luxembrg	19	66	f	Wash'ton*	20	68	s
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'ton	12	54	c
				Zurich	23	73	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F): min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.26in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 11.5hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,009.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp. Coningsby, Lincolnshire, 23C (73F): lowest day max. Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F): highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 1.49in; highest sunshine. Folkestone, Kent, 7.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F), min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.4hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F): min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 1.8in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.5hr

AROUND BRITAIN

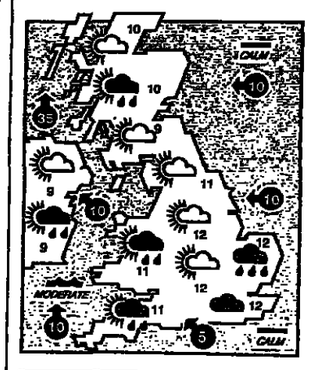
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.18	12	54	rain
Anglesey	0.9	0.82	17	63	rain
Aviemore	2.0	0.27	15	59	rain
Belfast	0.4	1.05	15	59	rain
Birmingham	0.8	0.15	18	64	rain
Bognor Regis	0.6	0.03	16	61	thundr
Bournemouth	0.2	0.04	16	61	cloudy
Bristol	0.6	0.12	18	64	rain
Buxton	0.9	0.21	16	61	shower
Cardiff	0.2	0.13	15	59	rain
Clacton	4.8	-	16	61	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.0	0.48	18	64	shower
Cromer	7.0	-	22	72	sunny
Eastbourne	4.8	-	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	1.2	0.44	18	64	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	1.49	14	57	rain
Exmouth	0.1	0.33	14	57	rain
Falmouth	0.5	0.41	15	59	rain
Folkestone	7.7	-	20	68	bright
Glasgow	0.3	1.36	16	61	rain
Guernsey	2.1	-	19	66	cloudy
Hastings	4.5	-	17	63	thundr
Isle of Man	-	0.87	14	57	rain
Jersey	2.3	-	21	70	bright
Kinloss	2.6	0.11	19	66	rain
Leeds	-	0.11	20	68	rain
Lerwick	-	0.20	9	48	rain
Littlehampton	1.0	0.26	17	63	thundr
Liverpool	0.8	0.13	18	64	shower
London	3.1	-	22	72	cloudy
Manchester	0.6	0.11	19	66	rain
Margate	7.6	-	21	70	bright
Minehead	1.7	0.35	17	63	thundr
Morecambe	-	0.63	18	64	shower
Newcastle	2.5	0.04	20	68	rain
Newquay	2.3	0.41	x	x	rain
Nottingham	0.7	0.09	20	68	shower
Penzance	0.7	0.47	15	59	gale
Plymouth	0.3	0.48	15	59	rain
Poole	0.2	0.05	17	63	cloudy
Salcombe	-	0.34	15	59	rain
Sandown	0.9	0.09	18	61	shower
Saunton Snd	1.0	0.12	18	64	rain
Scarborough	1.7	0.10	18	64	cloudy
Scilly Isles	1.4	0.27	15	59	gale
Shanklin	0.8	0.06	17	63	thundr
Stornoway	3.8	0.02	10	50	rain
Swanage	0.5	0.02	18	61	shower
Teignmouth	0.4	0.43	16	61	rain
Tenby	-	0.43	14	57	rain
Torquay	-	0.50	15	59	rain
Wick	3.4	0.09	12	54	rain

x denotes not available
Those are Monday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.10
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.20	49.80
Canada $	2.06	1.90
Denmark Kr	10.11	9.29
Finland Mkk	9.10	8.30
France Fr	8.84	8.14
Germany Dm	2.62	2.42
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.45	11.45
Ireland Pt	1.065	0.985
Italy Lira	2355.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	188.00	169.00
Netherlands Gld	2.945	2.715
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	249.25	231.25
South Africa Rd	6.15	5.35
Spain Pta	195.00	182.00
Sweden Kr	11.83	11.03
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	15800.0	14800.0
USA $	1.62	1.49

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.22 pm to 4.33 am
Bristol 9.31 pm to 4.43 am
Edinburgh 9.55 pm to 4.23 am
Manchester 9.40 pm to 4.32 am
Penzance 9.39 pm to 5.01 am

Sun rises: 5.03 am
Sun sets: 8.52 pm
Moon rises 3.43 am
Moon sets 6.56 pm
New moon May 21

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sh, showers.

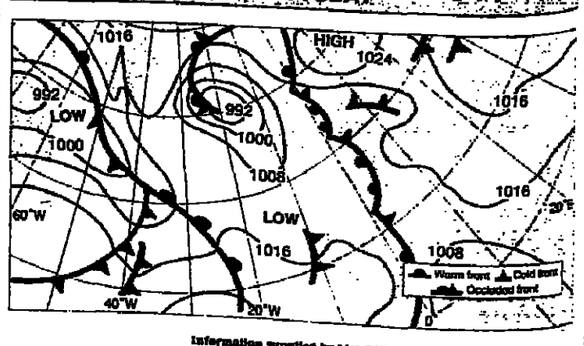
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	f	Guernsey	14	57	c
B'mgham	14	57	f	Inverness	13	55	r
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	15	59	f	London	18	61	f
Cardiff	11	52	sh	M'nchster	14	57	c
Edinburgh	14	57	f	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	12	54	f	R'nldsway	12	54	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.04	6.3	1.31	6.5
Aberdeen	12.49	3.7	12.54	3.7
Avonmouth	6.32	11.6	6.51	11.8
Belfast	10.29	3.0	10.52	3.1
Cardiff	6.17	10.8	6.36	10.9
Devonport	4.59	4.8	5.25	5.0
Dover	10.31	5.8	10.45	6.0
Falmouth	4.29	4.6	4.55	4.8
Glasgow	12.11	4.1	12.40	4.1
Harwich	11.23	3.7	11.37	3.6
Holyhead	9.47	5.0	10.11	5.0
Hull	5.51	9.5	5.58	6.8
Ilfracombe	5.29	8.0	5.40	8.2
King's Lynn	5.58	5.6	6.07	5.8
Leith	1.53	4.9	2.02	4.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	10.41	8.4	11.02	8.6
Lowestoft	9.20	2.2	9.05	2.3
Margate	11.40	4.4	11.44	4.5
Milford Haven	5.37	6.1	5.57	6.2
Newquay	4.30	6.2	4.50	6.2
Oban	5.14	3.5	5.26	3.4
Penzance	4.02	4.8	4.26	5.1
Portland	5.54	1.7	6.33	1.8
Portsmouth	10.45	4.1	11.02	4.4
Shoreham	10.43	5.4	11.00	5.6
Southampton	10.25	4.0	10.44	4.2
Swansea	5.44	8.4	6.04	8.5
Tees	2.58	4.8	3.09	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	11.19	3.9	11.31	3.9

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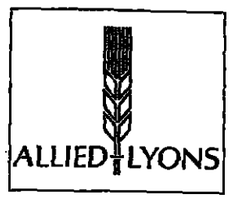
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US $ ..... 1.5320 (-0.0042)
German mark .. 2.4852 (+0.0104)
Exchange index ..... 80.2 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2647.3 (-10.8)
Dow Jones .. 3438.85 (-11.08)*
Nikkei Avg .. 20229.39 (-336.12)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 6⅛-6⅝
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.00-2.99%*
Long Bond..... 6.99%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5315*	£:$	1.5315
$:DM	1.6240*	£:DM	2.4846
$:SWfr	1.4789*	£:SWfr	2.2636
$:Ffr	5.4805*	£:Ffr	8.3770
$:Yen	111.55*	£:Yen	170.80
£:SDR	1.0898	£:ECU	1.2695

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 366.60 ..... PM 367.80
Close 371.60-372.10
New York
Comex 370.85-371.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

M&S raises wages 6% as top earner in UK

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MARKS and Spencer's dominance of the high street continued yesterday as the group recaptured the title of Britain's most profitable retailer from J. Sainsbury, the supermarket chain. M&S staff were rewarded with a 6 per cent pay rise, higher than the rate of inflation.

Pre-tax profit soared by 25 per cent to £737 million for the year to end-March 1993 as a result of tight cost control in the UK and strong growth overseas.

Although group turnover rose by only 3.4 per cent, last autumn's "outstanding value" campaign, which froze or lowered prices across the board, helped boost sales in the second half by 4.9 per cent. That enabled M&S to increase its market share from 15.6 to 16.4 per cent.

Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman, said he was delighted with the performance against a backdrop of the "worst retailing recession for 60 years".

Profit from overseas operations leapt by 35 per cent, with a particularly strong performance from its five stores in Hong Kong. M&S has earmarked the Far East and continental Europe as prime targets for overseas expansion.

Sir Richard, undeterred by the spectre of recession on the Continent, hopes the group will eventually have about 50 stores in the region that would generate up to £750 million in sales. He insists this will be achieved not by acquisition but by the "slower and surer" method of organic growth and then only when "we can get the right sites, at the right price".

Even Brooks Brothers, which has long been seen as a thorn in M&S's side, came good last year, with a 20 per cent increase in profit. The Canadian operations, which lost £3 million in the previous year, were successfully turned round after the closure of about 50 stores.

M&S staff will receive a 6 per cent increase in pay, although Sir Richard does not expect this to affect profits this year as further productivity benefits from improved systems and ordering filter through. Nor were shareholders forgotten, enjoying a 14 per cent increase in the dividend to 8.1p.

The group is bullish about prospects and is planning to add 330,000 sq ft of selling space in the UK and the Irish Republic this year, including new stores in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Liverpool and Middlesbrough.

Sir Richard said: "In terms of expansion, we are in an extremely aggressive mood again." Capital expenditure in the coming year will be increased from £190 million to £300 million, funded entirely through cash flow.

He vigorously dismissed suggestions by analysts that M&S, although resilient in recession, was less likely to benefit from a consumer recovery: "That is a lot of old rubbish. We will do as well next year, and the year after that, as the goods we buy, the prices we charge for them and the service we give. If we get that right, as we have been doing, we will do well."

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PETER TREVINOR



Suited for expansion: Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman, says M&S is in an aggressive mood for growth

Bank believes inflation will be kept within target

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England is more optimistic than it was three months ago that the government will be able to keep inflation within target over the next two years, largely because sterling has rallied since then.

In its latest inflation report, the Bank says a 5 per cent increase in the value of sterling since its last survey of inflation in February means the risk of breaching the 4 per cent upper limit of the government's target range has been lowered somewhat. However, the Bank adds that the risks are slightly higher next year, not least because of the effect of VAT on fuel, which will add 0.4 per cent to inflation from spring 1994.

Although levels of activity in the economy are rising more rapidly than the Bank expected three months ago, the news of a fall in industrial production in March underlines the uncertainties about how strong recovery is going to be.

The Bank makes no comment on its views about interest rates, but its relatively optimistic predictions on inflation and its continued caution on the recovery suggest a fairly relaxed attitude about rates. The Bank remains concerned about the effect of high levels of personal debt on activity, although this is proving less of a drag now than it has been.

The Bank is clearly happy that sterling's appreciation since February has provided an anti-inflationary counterweight to faster than expected activity, but will equally accept a fall in the exchange rate if the recovery shows signs of faltering.

The Central Statistical Office said that industrial production had fallen by 1.3 per cent in March, compared with the previous month, and manufacturing output by 0.3 per cent. However, the fall in manufacturing, after two months of healthy rises, was entirely due to a fall in sugar production that had, in turn, boosted February's output figures.

Taking the CSO's preferred three-month measure, output has risen 2 per cent, compared with the final quarter of last year, and 2.1 per cent, compared with the first quarter of 1992. The CSO has also revised up its estimate of underlying annual growth in manufacturing to 4 per cent, compared with 3 per cent in February, and 0.5 per cent in January.

The Bank of England says it expects Friday's retail prices figures to show another drop in inflation because of the switch to the council tax from the community charge, but that then the underlying rate will rise again, to 3.5 per cent by June.

In the months to come, the inflation rate will be affected by higher indirect taxes, wages and the narrowing output gap. However, the Bank appears to believe that the output gap is sufficiently large to continue exerting downward pressure on inflation and also that, if the volume of output in the economy expands sufficiently, profits and wages might rise without creating higher inflation.

The pound strengthened on positive news on the economy, particularly against a weakening mark, which was undermined by exit polls showing that the Danes are likely to have voted in favour of ratifying Maastricht. Sterling ended at 80.2 on its trade weighted index, up from 80 on Monday.

BA confirms rights issue leak

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

SIR Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, confirmed *The Times* report that the Stock Exchange is enquiring into apparent leaks of BA's £442 million rights issue.

He said: "I wish we could explain it. We do not know how it happened. Our board has asked for an enquiry. Our advisers have been approached by the Stock Exchange and our board has asked for investigations by our lawyers."

On alleged dirty tricks against Virgin, Sir Colin said he was confident about the positions of himself and Robert Ayling, the managing director. The matter was *sub judice*. He said the rights issue document would state that contingent liabilities would not, in aggregate, significantly affect BA's financial position.

BA shares rose 2p to 299p after yesterday's announcement of the one-for-four cash call at 245p and declaration of a fall in pre-tax profits from £434 million to £185 million for the year to March 31. Operating profits fell from £344 million to £310 million.

But the rights issue document highlights BA's need for cash. The airline ran up a financing requirement of £1.115 billion after spending just over £1 billion on aircraft and other assets, and investing £574 million in USAir, Qantas and TAT European Airlines. Borrowings rose by £1.281 billion to £2.453 billion, against shareholders' funds that fell £70 million to £1.534 billion because of the write-off of £149 million of goodwill on acquisitions. The cash call will reduce debts from 160 to 100 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The total dividend for the year rises 4.1 per cent to 10.6p, out of earnings down to 24.1p from 35.3p. BA carried 10.5 per cent more passengers last year and revenues rose 12.3 per cent. But the yield from each passenger fell because of competition and a shortage of passengers paying high fares.

The airline said capacity would rise 14 per cent this summer; it was confident of marketing and selling it. BA also said there would be no one-off payment for early retirement to Lord King, who retired as chairman, and became president, in February.

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Double talk on the single market



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Why worry about Maastricht, simple folk have been told by the sophisticates. It doesn't really mean anything if you do sign, though terrible things will happen if you don't. For instance, although the treaty commits Britain to restoring sterling to the exchange-rate mechanism, it is argued that there is no deadline. Hence, there is really no commitment, since Britain can opt out of monetary union, to which the ERM is a prelude.

Possibly. Unfortunately, it is hard to know which bits of the European Community's constitution are merely decorative and which mean exactly what they say. Words treated as holy writ in one member state are greeted with a patronising shrug of the shoulders in another.

Take the single market — the great revolution of 1993, as it was tagged, until it happened. In Britain, trade free of internal barriers is seen as the core of the Community and treated with the same fervour and reverence that Belgians accord to monetary union. This interpretation does not seem to be universal. How many realised, for instance, during those mind-numbing negotiations to harmonise everything in sight, that the copyright laws are quite different in Germany? Under German law, stoutly upheld in its courts, German composers and musicians enjoy copyright protection for 50 years but foreigners, including citizens of other member states, rate only 25 years.

Forget, for a moment, how ludicrously *non-communitaire* this attitude is, or how self-righteously the EC and America attack abuse of intellectual property rights in the East. More to the point, German law is plainly incompatible with the free movement of goods and services. Yet the commission has left record companies to fight their case through the European Court, with no certainty of outcome.

Indeed, the commission itself does not seem too fussy about the free market in cars, let alone a market open to free trade in them. On Monday, Martin Bangemann, the industry commissioner warned Japanese officials that they would have to cut imports again. In 1991, the EC supposedly agreed a transitional deal with Japan to freeze total imports to the EC until 1999, with a "reference point" of 1.23 million vehicles, while abolishing the individual national quotas that had effectively kept them out of Italy and France. At Britain's insistence, the quota excluded British car plants.

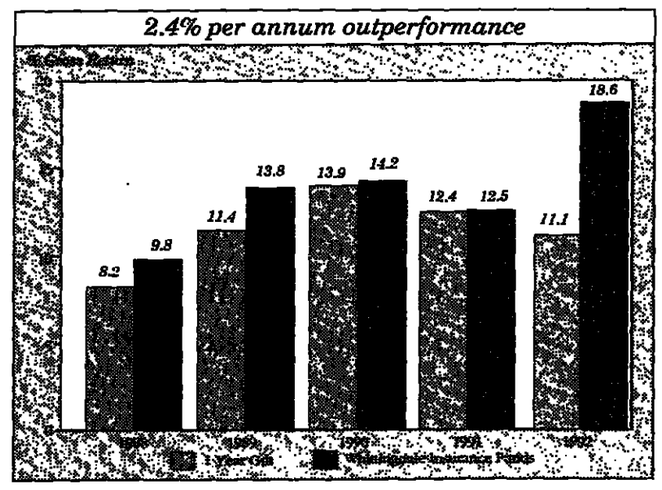
As big continental car markets have shrunk, however, Japan's government has been bullied to cut exports to the EC, by 6 per cent last year, then by 9.4 per cent in March. Now they are being pushed for further cuts on the ground that in France, Germany and Italy, the market was down 20 per cent in the first quarter and the total share of Japanese firms must not rise.

Poor Herr Bangemann is one of the saddest victims of Bruxellocis, that protectionist disease transmitted by close contact with herds of EC officials and diplomats. Back in Germany, this hearty giant was the foremost champion of free markets and deregulation. Even in 1991, as a commissioner, he told European carmakers they must challenge Japanese competition by efficiency, not protection. Now he is hopelessly infected.

The real threat, however, is that British car exports to the Continent could be excluded from the single market after all. Gérard Longuet, France's industry minister, supported by Italy and Spain, called last week for a combined freeze on Japanese imports and Japanese-owned production within the EC. They seem determined to blame Britain's "transplant" factories, for their domestic problems.

The commission is unlikely to lump British production into a formal Japanese market share. Rather, estimates of the downturn in the market used to browbeat Japan will be bent so as to take account of British production. Even worse, Japanese companies will be bullied not to accelerate expansion in Britain, rather as France made an example of Hoover to bully other firms not to move to Britain. These are flagrant breaches of the single market. But then, to continentals, so is Britain's resistance to rules symbolised by the Maastricht social chapter. In coming years, that will surely prove the most powerful weapon against the single market rules.

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Rentokil surprises market with £59m bid for Securiguard

■ Rentokil, which is sitting on net cash in excess of £100 million, believes it can diversify into the security business without denting its 20 per cent a year growth target

RENTOKIL, the environmental services group, launched a surprise £59 million cash bid yesterday for Securiguard, the security and cleaning company. The Securiguard board told shareholders not to sell, saying the offer significantly undervalued the company.

Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, said he had requested a meeting with Securiguard's board to explain the offer and to seek its recommendation. The bid values Securiguard shares at 270p, a 46 per cent premium to Monday's closing price. The announcement sent the shares soaring to 283p while Rentokil lost 4p to 193p.

Mr Thompson said the aim was to take Rentokil into the security business in the UK and America. He said that the UK market was worth £500 million market and that Securiguard's share was about 10 per cent. It also had an office cleaning business in America, which was complementary, while the UK cleaning business was compatible with Rentokil's.

Mr Thompson said the bid valued the company fairly and included a premium for Rentokil obtaining an entry into the security business. The cost of financing the bid at the current level could be borne easily by Securiguard's profits. The company had cash on deposit of £104 million at the year end.

Christopher Pearce, finance director, said no contact had been made with Securiguard before the announcement because of fears that news of a bid might leak out and affect the share price.

If successful, the bid would almost double Rentokil's staff to 30,000 while increasing turnover by more than a third. Buying Securiguard is likely to involve a goodwill writeoff for Rentokil of about £57 million because Securiguard has only £2.6 million of net assets. It was floated on the USM in 1987 and expanded with acquisitions sustaining goodwill writeoffs of £36 million.

Securiguard shares have recovered from the battering they received in 1991, when the company reported a collapse in 1990 profits to £3.9 million from the 1989 peak of £6.2 million. Turnover for the year to last November 1 was £165 million and pre-tax profits increased 14 per cent to £5.7 million, of which the security business contributed £3.4 million before interest costs. Securiguard's cleaning business earned pre-interest profits of £2.8 million. The messenger business brought in £1.3 million. HeMan, Securiguard's personnel business, made a loss of £500,000.

As well as its original business of keeping mice out of buildings and dry rot out of timber, Rentokil also provides cleaning and hygiene services for offices and shops and is the leading supplier of decorative trees and indoor plants. Profits rose 29 per cent to £122 million with earnings per share also up 29 per cent, ahead of the management's stated target of 20 per cent growth per annum in profits and earnings.



Seeking recommendation: Clive Thompson wants to explain the bid to the target's board

Fisons rejects calls for merger

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

FISONS' shareholders yesterday criticised the board for the group's recent poor financial performance and called for a merger.

Patrick Egan, the chairman, told the annual meeting that Fisons' North American horticulture business was being sold for $60 million and that the proceeds would be used to reduce borrowings. He said Fisons would concentrate on its core pharmaceutical and scientific equipment activities.

However, shareholders said that the board had lost credibility in the market place as a result of two years of lower profits and because of the withdrawal this year of the drug tipredane. One said: "Maybe now is the time to consider a merger so shareholders can look forward to some future growth."

Mr Egan rejected the merger calls, saying that Fisons was confident it had the right strategies and capital investment in R&D to create further growth. It would, however, continue to seek collaborative alliances with other firms.

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B·A·T INDUSTRIES

Extracts from the Chairman's speech at the 1993 Annual General Meeting on 18th May.

"In covering the Group's prospects for 1993, I am conscious that the outlook is rather more fraught with uncertainty than is usually the case at this stage in the year.

The sluggish world economy is impacting our cigarette exports. The recent escalation of the price war could adversely affect US cigarette profits. In the UK the strength of the growth of the "green shoots" will be the measure of the recovery in Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar. The volatility of the sterling/dollar exchange rate is relevant to the translation of our results.

Nevertheless, for the Group as a whole, the balance of our business in personal financial services and tobacco, coupled with the wide geographical spread, should enable us to report substantial growth in revenue and profits this year. Earnings per share will be even greater as a result of the Enhanced Share Alternative, if approved.

In conclusion, this may be a year of uncertainties, but I am confident that B.A.T Industries will, once again, reward shareholders with dividends significantly in excess of the rate of inflation, whilst continuing to rebuild our dividend cover."

SIR PATRICK SHEEHY, CHAIRMAN

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sedgwick profits dip in the first quarter

TOUGH market conditions and lower interest rates caused first-quarter profits at Sedgwick Group, one of the world's largest insurance brokers, to slip by £800,000 to £40.7 million. The shares fell 1p to 169p on the news. Sax Riley, chief executive, said there was "a long way to go before we see the upturn". However, there were signs that rates were hardening in some areas of business.

Brokerage and fees increased 3 per cent, to £204.9 million, but on a like-for-like basis the rise was 2 per cent. Expenses advanced 4 per cent to £171.3 million, compared with £146.7 million last time. Lower interest rates in the US and UK knocked investment income down to £10.9 million, from £13.3 million. Operating income was flat at £44.5 million. There was a £400,000 loss from River Thames Insurance, of which Sedgwick owns 49 per cent.

Linx issues warning

LINX Printing Technologies, the printer maker that was floated on the stock market six months ago, gave a warning that increased competition and the recession would result in profits failing to meet expectations for the year to June 30. Linx said that the pre-tax result would be about the same as the £1.64 million achieved last time, below expectations when it announced interim results in March. The company is also reviewing its sales and marketing strategy in continental Europe. A final dividend of 1.73p is likely, making a total payout of 2.8p. The shares fell 36p to 139p.

Bruce field on stream

BP said oil began to flow yesterday from the Bruce field in the North Sea northeast of Aberdeen. The first oil flowed at a rate of 5,500 barrels per day (bpd). This will rise to 80,000 bpd by October. The first gas export from the field is scheduled for October when it will flow at an initial rate of 430 million cu ft per day rising to 530 million by 1994. The Bruce field is being developed in two phases at a cost of £1.5 billion. BP has a 37 per cent stake; Elf Aquitaine 31.5 per cent; Hamilton Oil 16 per cent; Total 11 per cent and Lasmo 3.75 per cent.

Tale of two quarters

EVIDENCE that industry is easing out of recession came with the results of Diploma, the electrical components-to-building products group, where pre-tax profits in the six months to end-March trebled to £8.1 million (£2.5 million). Christopher Thomas, chairman, said it was a game of two quarters—"with considerably greater buoyancy in the more recent period". Turnover jumped from a shade under £62 million to £74 million, and earnings rose from 7.3p to 10.7p a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.5p (2.75p) to balance out the yearly payment.

C&W revaluation

CABLE and Wireless, the telecommunications group that owns majority stakes in Mercury and Hong Kong Telecom, said its profits for the year to March 31 would be affected by an exceptional charge of £84 million because of the revaluation of its submarine cables. The charge will be partially offset by an exceptional profit of £60 million on the exercise of warrants in Hong Kong Telecom after the merger of Hong Kong Telephone and a C&W subsidiary. The company said that the 1992-3 accounts would also show a £118 million profit from the sale of 20 per cent of Mercury.

Concentric improves

CONCENTRIC, the West Midlands automotive and industrial components group, has failed to benefit as much as it expected from sterling's devaluation last autumn. The company said in October it felt the negative effect of collapsing markets in mainland Europe would be offset by the benefits to exporters of the pound's devaluation. Yesterday, Concentric announced interim pre-tax profits up 23 per cent to £4.35 million (£3.52 million) for the six months to end-March. Earnings per share rose to 5.63p (5.38p) and the interim dividend is held at 1.77p.

Elswick chief to retire


BILL Cross, right, will retire as chairman of Elswick, the specialist label printer, after the annual meeting in July and will be succeeded by Lord Lane of Horsell. The company said it detected early signs that the recession was easing and reported pre-tax profits of £1.9 million for the year to end-January, against a restated loss of £1.5 million. Earnings were 0.78p a share (0.82p loss). A final dividend of 0.15p makes a total 0.3p (0.22p). Elswick said all markets were tough, particularly in the final four months.

Young Holdings rises

H. YOUNG Holdings, the marketing and distribution company, is holding the interim dividend at 2p a share and has promised a final dividend of not less than last time's 1p. In the six months to the end of March, pre-tax profits rose to £532,000 from £427,000 on sales of £16.3 million (£15.6 million). Earnings were 2.15p a share (1.72p). Operating profits from continuing operations were £766,000 (£689,000). John Wilson, the chairman, said the performance was encouraging given the patchy improvement in the economy after a relatively poor first two months.

Fenner shares slide on warning of losses

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

FENNER, the Humberside engineer whose shares price has been buoyed recently by takeover bid speculation, yesterday saw the shares drop 6p to 77p on sharply reduced profits at the halfway stage and a warning of likely full-year losses.

The group, where Wassall, the 1.6 per cent shareholder, is the main perceived predator, made taxable profits of only £105,000 in the six months to end-February, against £2.3 million in the same period last year.

The main damage was inflicted by a £1.4 million exceptional rationalisation charge, a mixture of professional fees for an abortive takeover bid and redundancy costs associated largely with the conveyor belting business. This division was affected by the pit closures. However, it is trading satisfactorily now, directors said.

Fenner also said that further exceptional charges would be necessary in the second half as rationalisation and disposal of some businesses that are not performing well continues apace.

Earnings per share of 0.41p last time were transformed into losses of 5.24p this time. The interim dividend is passed.

The company confirmed that it was still talking with parties interested in the group.

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LWT buys 14% stake in rival Yorkshire

By Martin Waller

LWT (Holdings), the London weekend broadcaster, has acquired a 14 per cent stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television Holdings. LWT is also acquiring warrants in Yorkshire that would bring its holding to almost 17 per cent if exercised. The price is £14.9 million, payable to WH Smith, the existing stakeholder.

Yorkshire shares ended 3p higher at 175p. Sir Christopher Bland, LWT chairman, refused to rule out further share purchases, although under existing legislation governing the television sector a 20 per cent limit is set on companies of the size of Yorkshire.

Yorkshire was itself created by merger with Tyne Tees last year and has one of the biggest levies payable to the government under the new franchise payments, a total of about £60 million a year.

At the heart of the new relationship between the two companies is LWT's appointment to sell Yorkshire's advertising airtime. Yorkshire initially approached the London company to suggest this, and the shareholding grew out of these negotiations.

The hiring of LWT will mean 65 to 70 job losses at Yorkshire's sales operation but will offer millions of pounds in potential savings. Sir Christopher said the link would be broadly neutral in 1993 and enhance his company's earnings thereafter. He did not agree with the reported views of some City observers that Yorkshire may run into financial difficulties before the end of the current franchise round.

Yorkshire also issued interim figures to end-March that showed pre-tax profits falling to £3.79 million from £9.63 million, although this is not directly comparable because of the widespread changes in the industry. The half-way dividend is held at 3.3p.

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JOHN MANNING



Healthy outlook: Michael Jackaman, left, and Tony Hales, announcing the results yesterday, were confident all divisions could increase profits this year

Allied-Lyons expected to raise cash after profits improve

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

ALLIED-LYONS' widely expected £200 million cash-raising exercise, already the subject of a Stock Exchange enquiry after rumours in the weekend press, could come today, after it failed to coincide with the food and drinks group's preliminary figures yesterday.

Michael Jackaman, the chairman, denied that any rights issue was planned but refused to rule out a convertible bond issue. Although it is by no means certain that Allied will be able to get the issue away, observers expect it to take place soon, if at all.

Allied has reported pre-tax profits of £505 million (£439 million) for the year to March 6, using the new FRS3 accounting principles that suppress profits taken from property disposals. Under the previous accounting conventions, the figure would have been £620 million. A final dividend of 14.05p makes a total of 21p (20p).

Of Allied's four core divisions, only spirits and wine increased profits at the trading level, rising £10 million to £421 million. Retailing slumped £7 million to £217 million as Allied sold 550 pubs. Margins were under pressure in brewing, where over-capacity has required the big brewers to offer large discounts to the independent pub operators. Brewing profits dropped £8 million to £69 million, while food fell £14 million to £90 million.

The group is confident it can raise profits in all divisions this year. Tony Hales, chief executive, said: "The two main economies which affect our business, the UK and US are both looking a little healthier. We expect further benefits this year from a lower pound."

With total trading profits £14 million lower, the rise at the pre-tax level came from a £30 million reduction in finance charges and lower reorganisation costs. A revaluation of Allied's licensed estate resulted in a £312 million reduction in values, £41 million of which came off profits as it reflected severance of the tie with the brewery.

There was a further £17 million provision for bad loans to the free trade, bringing Allied's total provisions so far to £28 million.

Total borrowings were cut £112 million to £1,818 million and would have been £175 million lower but for the pound's devaluation.

Allied also announced the purchase of Perrier-Jouet/Barton & Guestier Distribution, a French distribution company owned by America's Seagram spirits group. The purchase comes after the termination in January of the distribution agreement between Seagram and Hiram Walker, Allied's spirits and wine business, covering France and Germany. A German acquisition should follow this summer.

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Hanson still seeking big acquisitions

By Sarah Bagnall

LARGE acquisitions are still on its agenda, Hanson, the Anglo-US conglomerate, said yesterday as it reported flat first-half pre-tax profits.

Hanson, which last year was thwarted in its attempts to buy Ranks Hovis McDougall, reported pre-tax profits of £507 million (£500 million). But the figure was boosted by a £40 million disposal profit and £36 million net interest income.

Record profits from tobacco and timber products were offset by weak margins in building and construction. Hanson said that while it was looking for acquisitions, the best opportunities for growth would come from investing in the existing businesses.

Lord Hanson, chairman, said reports from the US and UK indicate the emergence of a "brighter picture". But margins remain tight, he said, and it is "unlikely the present signs of recovery will bring significant additional contribution to profit this year".

The maintenance of the quarterly dividend at 2.85p, coupled with the more upbeat statement, helped contain the share price fall to 5p, to 238p.

In line with analysts' expectations, the group's tax charge rose from 17.4 per cent to 26.4 per cent, reflecting last year's change to quarterly dividend payments. As a result, fully diluted earnings per share fell from 8.5p to 7.7p.

Hanson, a barometer of the state of the economies on both sides of the Atlantic, reported a 7.5 per cent rise in turnover to £4.8 billion and a £10 million rise in trading profits to £226 million at the US Hanson Industries.

The star performer was Cavenham Forest Products, which almost doubled profits to record levels of £50 million as a result of sharp rises in timber prices and increased construction activity.

Martin Taylor, vice-chairman, said the other "highlight" was Imperial Tobacco, which lifted profits from £131 million to a record £140 million. This reflected the rise in UK market share to 35 per cent and increased efficiences.

Partly offsetting these gains were lower profits from Peabody, the US coal mining operation, which was hit by lower coal prices and higher customer stockpiles. Part of the £19 million drop in profits to £54 million was due to a month-long strike.

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Projections on power scaled back

By Our Industrial Correspondent

THE prospect of power bills rising to finance vast numbers of unnecessary power stations is fading, according to the National Grid Company.

Projections of a huge surplus of generating capacity developing because of the dash to build gas-fired plants have been scaled back sharply in its latest seven-year statement.

GridCo said closures of older coal plant and the cancellation of some new gas power stations had combined to cut the likely surplus. But Matthew Siebert, of Hoare Govett, suggested GridCo had started to make a more realistic assessment of the likelihood that many investors would abandon building plans.

Surplus capacity on the system is now projected to reach between 24 and 48 per cent of peak demand. A year ago, GridCo suggested the margin could reach more than 60 per cent. The projected rate of electricity demand growth over the next seven years has been revised from 1.1 per cent a year to 1.6 per cent.

NIE wants small investors

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

UP TO two thirds of the shares in Northern Ireland Electricity will be offered to small investors in a privatisation expected to raise nearly £400 million. As expected, the government is to sell the company outright, clearing the way for the completion of power privatisation through the sale of the government's remaining 40 per cent stake in National Power and PowerGen, the two generating companies, next spring.

More than 600,000 people have registered interest in buying shares in NIE, raising the possibility that the offer, which is small by privatisation standards, will be heavily oversubscribed.

Terms of the offer are typical. The minimum number of shares available will be 100, payable in two instalments, with the first payment of £1 a share. The second instalment will fall due in June 1994.

About a third of registrations have come from NIE customers who, if they keep the shares, will be entitled to electricity vouchers before the second instalment is due. The share price will be announced on June 3, and would-be investors have until midnight on June 1 to register.

In the year to end-March, NIE made a pre-tax profit of £57.9 million on sales of £452 million. However, it has since issued a debenture under which it will be obliged to pay the government £70 million at the end of June.

BOC sees signs of economic recovery in Britain and US

By Colin Campbell

THE BOC Group had noticed signs of economic recovery in Britain, America and Australia in the past six months but said yesterday the Continent, where BOC was less exposed than many of its competitors, remains "the odd man out".

Patrick Rich, chairman, added that what recovery there had been was, however, far weaker than at the equivalent stages of previous economic cycles.

Pre-tax profits at BOC were £182.4 million, compared with £162.7 million, for the six months to the end of March on a turnover of £1.51 billion against £1.37 billion, but exchange-rate movements had a beneficial impact on translation into sterling.

At constant rates, operating profit less interest would have risen 3 per cent from £216.9 million to £223 million.

Operating profits were stronger in the Asia/Pacific basin, in the Americas and from Africa, but were flat in Europe.

BOC would have to rely on trimming costs as much as upon improved demand to generate modest underlying profit growth, Mr Rich said.

Operating profits from healthcare operations were 14 per cent higher, though the strong growth noted in the first quarter did not continue in the second three months. Profits of the pharmaceutical products division were beginning to be affected by the onset of generic competition.

The order book in the vacuum technology and distribution services division was encouraging, the company added.

Net borrowings had risen by £172.3 million since September to £891.1 million to put gearing at 32 per cent, but much of the rise was associated with currency movements and the interest cover at five times remains very satisfactory, Mr Rich said.

In Japan, the sharp fall in economic activity during the past six months might now be coming to an end, while the concerns about political conditions in South Africa and their potential impact on the economy remained, Mr Rich said.

The interim dividend rises from 11p to 11.6p.

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PETER TREVNOR



Cost-cutting plans: Patrick Rich, chairman of BOC

Union denies fresh insider trading claims

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

AS STRIKES in eastern Germany's engineering and metal industries appeared to be nearing an end, IG Metall, the union behind the action, denied fresh allegations that its leader, Franz Steinkühler, had engaged in insider dealing.

It was responding to allegations in a regional newspaper that said Herr Steinkühler, 55, member of the supervisory board of Daimler-Benz, Germany's biggest industrial group, had made handsome profits on deals in shares in financially troubled AEG, just prior to its acquisition by Daimler in 1985.

On Monday, Herr Steinkühler admitted buying DM1 million worth of shares in March in the Daimler holding company, Mercedes Holding, which was subsequently dissolved in a share swap. But he denied that the DM100,000-plus profit the deal brought involved insider trading, which is not illegal in Germany.

He said he had no knowledge at the time of the plan to dissolve the holding company. Edzard Reuter, the management board chairman of Daimler, supported Herr Steinkühler's explanation. Jörg Barczynski, the IG Metall spokesman, yesterday denied press reports that claimed Herr Steinkühler had made a profit through insider trading in AEG shares.

But the spate of political scandals in Germany that has brought down Björn Engholm, the opposition leader, and threatens Theo Waigel, the finance minister, has created a climate of opinion that will make it difficult for Herr Steinkühler to remain at the helm of IG Metall. The leading German financial newspaper, Handesblatt, said he had lost all credibility through his Daimler share dealing. The allegations against him have raised the hackles among union members and politicians who have been angered by Herr Steinkühler's support for strike action at a time when eastern German companies are struggling to survive. The Steinkühler case is also likely to open a debate about the automatic inclusion of union leaders on company boards.

Count Otto Lambsdorff, chairman of the Free Democrat party, junior partner in the coalition government, urged Herr Steinkühler to quit all his seats on company boards. Wolfgang von Geldern, a Bundestag member for the Christian Democrat party of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, said knowledge of the Mercedes share swap was irrelevant, as "one does not speculate in shares in a company whose affairs one is supposed to be scrutinising".

Workers in four east German states have agreed to settle their pay dispute, after a deal that will raise wages to 80 per cent of west German levels by the end of this year. But union members in the Berlin Brandenburg region intend to maintain their strike.

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52 weeks to 6 March 1993 on an FRS 3 basis.

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Our employees' enthusiasm and skill have been soundly proven once more, their success reinforcing my belief that the group's future is a bright one".

ALLIED LYONS

(Extracts from the Chairman's Statement)

BAT sees the main chance in Britain

BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group, believes its best opportunities are likely to arise in Britain, Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman, told the annual meeting. The Far East offered long-term possibilities, but prices in continental Europe were still too high to meet the company's criteria on value for money.

Sir Patrick said the sluggish world economy was having an impact on cigarette exports, and the recent sharpening of the price war could adversely affect US cigarette profits.

Nevertheless, the company expected to report "substantial growth" in revenues and profits this year, and to make payouts significantly above the inflation rate, while rebuilding dividend cover. BAT shares eased 12p to 856p.

Dowty cuts jobs

Dowty Aerospace, acquired by TI Group last October, is shedding 214 jobs, a fifth of the workforce, at its landing gear plant at Staverton, near Gloucester. The cutbacks bring total job losses at Dowty Landing Gear to more than 1,300 over the past 2½ years. Andy Stevens, general manager, said cutbacks were needed to ensure the business was "the right shape and size for us to succeed in the future". The company has asked for volunteers for redundancy.

Car sales fall

New car sales in Europe fell 18.6 per cent in April, to 1.09 million, according to French car industry sources. General Motors' market share rose a percentage point, to 13.2 per cent. Only three firms' sales rose compared with April 1992 — Rover, up 0.4 per cent to 27.472 units; Toyota, up 8.6 per cent; and Chrysler, a niche player in Europe, whose sales rose 28.3 per cent to 4.429. Total sales from January to April were down 17.6 per cent against 1992.

China venture

Foster's Brewing Group said its Carlton and United Breweries unit had signed a joint venture agreement with Huaguang Brewery, in Shanghai. Carlton would provide 60 per cent of the capital for the venture; investment would rise from an initial A$30 million (£13.7 million) to A$120 million over four or five years. "Foster's plans to brew almost as much beer in China as in Australia within five years," the company said.

Warburg buys

SG Warburg Group is to acquire KC-CO, an American derivatives firm, for about $15 million. KC-CO, a partnership that trades on the Chicago Board Options Exchange and Chicago Mercantile Exchange, has net assets of about $22.4 million. Financing of the purchase includes $15 million of Warburg ordinary shares and warrants to subscribe for a further 9.75 million shares.

Electrolux slips

Profits at Electrolux, the Swedish electrical appliance company, fell by a fifth, to 202 million crowns (£17.9 million) in the first quarter. Sales were almost flat when adjusted for exchange-rate effects. The company said its businesses were increasingly competitive and operating profits had improved in most countries.

US homes rise

Construction of homes in the US rose in April, indicating that a drop in March was caused by adverse weather. April housing starts rose 6.7 per cent to 1.2 billion annualised homes, the Commerce Department reported. Analysts had expected 1.12 million for last month.

Gas deal

British Gas is launching a joint venture with Tenneco Gas to develop natural gas transportation projects in South America. This month, British Gas set up British Gas Sudamerica to provide services to gas, water, telecommunications and electricity companies in South America.

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STOCK MARKET

Food companies choke on BSN's slimline cuisine

FOOD manufacturers suffered a bout of indigestion after BSN, the French foods group, issued a warning on European food margins, saying it was ready to cut prices to preserve its market share.

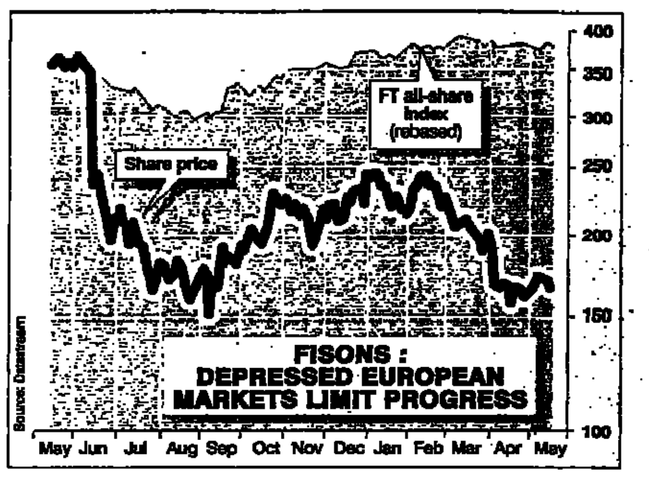
Sentiment in the sector was unsettled by the uncertain prospect of tougher and more competitive conditions in Europe and increasing investor concern about a price war.

Among the losers, **Booker** fell 9p to 358p, **Cadbury-Schweppes** 9p to 447p, **Dalgety** 2p to 437p, **Hillsdown** 4p to 151p, **Perkins Foods** 4p to 111p, **Tate & Lyle** 3p to 383p and **United Biscuits** 9p to 412p. **Unilever**, which was also depressed by reports that some American brokers are shaving their profits forecasts, lost 22p to £10.36. But **Northern Foods**, which is a large supplier to Marks and Spencer, rose 3p to 279p against the trend.

Meanwhile, an early attempt by equities to get off to a bright start was shortlived, despite a string of major companies mostly reporting higher profits, an upbeat CBI distributive trades survey and slightly more optimistic noises on inflation prospects from the Bank of England. But a fall in March's industrial production figures overshadowed the market and some fears that US short term interest rates may go up did not help.

A negative start to trading on Wall Street further unsettled sentiment in London, while profit-taking and weaker June FT-SE futures served to drag the cash market lower, despite dealers reporting an underlying firm tone.

The FT-SE 100 index, up 11.1 points at one stage, closed below 2,850, finishing the day 10.8 points lower at 2,847.3. Second-liners fared somewhat better, with the FT-SE Mid gaining 5.2 points to 3,151. Volume reached 633.4 million shares.



Meanwhile, **Securiguard** provided much of the early excitement, after **Rentokil**, the environmental services group, launched a hostile 270p-a-share cash bid for the security to cleaning and courier services group. This compared with Monday's closing price of 185p for the target. Securiguard rejected the offer, saying it significantly undervalues the company.

Securiguard shares surged 104p to 289p, but some City followers believe the price must go still higher, saying that Rentokil's offer is at an earnings multiple below the market average and is merely a "sighting shot". Rentokil shares eased 4p to 193p.

As expected by most in the City, **British Airways** accompanied lower full-year profits, after a fourth-quarter loss, with a big cash call. BA is raising £441.8 million through the fully underwritten one-for-four rights issue, at 245p a share, the proceeds to be used to reduce borrowings. BA shares eased only ½p to 296½p, as the cash call had been largely discounted by many in the market.

Among others reporting, **Marks and Spencer** unveiled an impressive profits rise to a record £736.5 million, toppling Sainsbury as the UK's most profitable retailer. This initially attracted support, but the shares gave up a 10p gain to finish 9½p lower at 345½p as dealers became cautious.

Sainsbury, down 3p to 456p, was largely undeterred by being pushed into second place, with most investors encouraged by the strong showing of retailers during the recession. Among other retailers, **Asda** staged a turnaround to finish 3½p better at 68½p, on heavy volume of 10 million shares, with Goldman Sachs said to have been active on behalf of a big US buyer.

Allied-Lyons also gave up an early lead to close unchanged at 543p after the food and drinks combine reported a healthy profits rise and higher dividend. There was also relief at the absence so far of the much-rumoured convertible preference issue or any other form of cash call.

Fisons was a nervous market as Patrick Egan, chairman, told the annual meeting depressed European markets and continuing pressure on margins in the scientific instruments division would limit progress in the first half of this year. The shares fell 3p to 169p despite Fisons agreeing to sell its North American horticultural business. Mr Egan assured the meeting that finances are sound.

The imminent full demerger of **Zeneca** from ICI attracted early support, although most gains were trimmed or wiped out towards the close. Confidence should be boosted by news that Zeneca board directors were buying the fully paid Zeneca when-issued shares at a price of 638p. On the official grey market, Zeneca gave up a 7p gain to finish unchanged at 632p, while the nil-paid were 4p stronger at 46p. The new slimmed-down demerged ICI eased 1p to 620p, with the underlying share price up 2p to £12.60.

BOC Group was also in the spotlight, losing 17p to 681p, as the industrial gases group accompanied better half-year results with a warning that the improvement in the economy was weaker at this stage than in other cycles.

Yorkshire Tyne-Tees added 6p to 178p as LWT, its fellow Channel 3 broadcaster, acquired WH Smith's 14 per cent stake for £14.9 million. LWT paid 200p a share for 7.03 million YTT shares and has agreed to buy 1.97 million warrants, at 40p each. **WH Smith A** eased 2p to 438p.

A profits warning from **Linx Printing Technologies**, which only came to the market last October with a placing at 130p, sent shares in the ink jet printing equipment group sliding 36p to 139p, after touching a low of 123p.

A loss warning saw shares in USM **Chieftain Group** fall 10p to 59p, with the Tyneside insulation supplier saying the deficit will be a result of Swan Hunter Shipbuilders going into receivership. **APV**, which recently suffered a Cazenove downgrading, lost 4½p to 90½p despite denials of rumours suggesting its group finance director was going to leave.

Hanson ended 5¼p lower at 237¾p, despite improved first-half profits, as analysts expressed concern, sparked by Lord Hanson at a post-results analysts' meeting, over prospects for future dividend increases.

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There was selective support for several stocks exposed to property, bolstered by reports of a positive property review from James Capel. Forte added 3p to 193p, Ladbroke 7p to 184p, P&O 8p to 596p, Land Securities 11p to 559p, Great Portland 7p to 180p and MEPC 8p to 426p.

Market whispers suggest it is worth keeping a close eye on Laura Ashley, unchanged at 110p. There are suggestions that the home furnishings to clothing retailer, which has its annual meeting tomorrow, has turned the corner and brokers' profit upgrades may be on the way.

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei suffers as buyers take profits

Tokyo — Shares ended lower in an absence of buyers before several company earnings announcements. Profit-taking and arbitrage unwinding dominated the market and the Nikkei dipped below technical resistance at about 20,300. "Investors wanted to follow through on the NTT buying which emerged on Monday as there weren't many others poised for an upturn in their earnings," said one analyst at Yamaichi Securities. The Nikkei average was down 336.12 points at 20,229.39.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market stayed higher in quiet afternoon trading with most investors sidelined pending fresh news, brokers said. The Hang Seng index was up 25.95 points, at 7,150.07, a new record intra-day high.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares rebounded strongly from a bout of profit-taking on Monday to see the 30-share Straits Times industrial index set a new all-time and closing high of 1,878.01. Brokers said buying demand was strong. The index was up 31.74 points from Monday's close, having risen to a record 1,868.71 in intraday trade on Monday but fell prey to profit-taking after last week's 80-point rise. "The bulls are here to stay," said Goh Hiang Fong, head of research at Lum Chang Securities.

☐ **Sydney** The market fell at the close as investors reacted to a half of a US cent fall in the Australian dollar and lower commodity prices. "The market has been down from the start," one broker said. The all-ordinaries index closed nine points down at 1,677.9.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended only a fraction above their lows, pulled down by weak Bund futures in the last hour of trading. The Dax index closed just 0.60 points above Monday's finish at 1,628.48.

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Inflation fears dent Dow

New York — Blue chips traded in a tight range after a higher opening, buoyed by a 6.7 per cent increase in US housing starts during April.

But by mid-morning, equities had fallen, although computer and healthcare groups were making a strong showing and there was a small bounce among bank stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down nine points at 3,439 and shares gaining in price were about even with those losing ground. Treasury bonds were mostly unchanged, with the long bond down 5/32 to yield 6.98.

Analysts said that continued strength in drug and some technology stocks would offset nervousness in the financial and transport groups that was caused by inflation fears. An early rally was possible.

They added that a mid-session rally attempt was possible by investors who see any setback as a bargain opportunity but added that there was not enough conviction or buying power to sustain momentum.

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WALL STREET

	May 18 midday	May 17 close
AMP Inc	61	61½
AMR Corp	69	69⅝
Abbott Labs	28¼	28⅜
Aetna Life	53⅝	53⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅞	17⅝
Air Prod & Chem	44½	43⅞
Albertson's	56½	56¼
Alcan Alumnm	18⅝	18⅝
Alco Standard	47⅝	47¼
Allied Signal	64	64¼
Alum Co of Am	66½	66⅜
Amax	17¼	17¼
Amerada Hess	53⅝	53⅝
Amer Brands	30⅝	31½
Amer Cyanamid	50⅝	51
Amer El Power	33¼	33⅞
Amer Express	27⅜	27¼
Amer Genl Corp	29⅜	29
Amer Home Pr	65⅝	65⅝
Amer Intl	125⅝	125½
Amer Stores	42	42⅝
Amer T & T	57	55⅞
Ameritech	72	72
Amoco	56	55⅞
Anheuser-Busch	50⅝	51½
Apple Computer	56¼	55⅝
Archer Daniels	23⅝	23⅝
Arkla	9⅝	9⅝
Armco	7¼	7¼
Armstrng Wrld	30⅝	31½
Asarco	18⅝	18⅝
Ashland Oil	25	25⅝
Atl Richfield	120⅞	120⅝
Auto Data Pro	48⅝	48¼
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29¼
Avon Products	54⅝	54½
Baker Hughes	28½	28
Baltim Gas & El	24⅝	24⅝
Banc One	52⅝	52
BankAmerica	45⅝	45
Bank of NY	53⅝	51¼
Bankers Tr NY	70⅛	69½
Barnett Banks	43	42⅝
Bausch & Lomb	51½	51½
Baxter Intl	29⅝	29½
Bectn Dicknsn	36½	36⅝
Bell Atlantic	51¼	51⅞
BellSouth	51	51¼
Black & Decker	18½	18⅝
Block (H&R)	33⅝	32⅝
Boeing	40	40⅝
Boise Cascade	26¼	26¼
Borden Inc	21½	21½
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	25⅝	25⅝
Burlington Nthn	54⅝	55⅝
CBS	231¼	231½
CNA Financial	88⅝	90⅝
CPC Intl	43⅝	43½
CSX	69⅝	71½
Campbell Soup	40⅝	40⅝
Can Pacific	16⅝	16
Cptl Cities ABC	520⅝	519⅝
Cptl Holdings	34⅝	35⅝
Carolina Pwr	31½	31½
Caterpillar	68¼	69
Central & SW	30	30⅝
Champion Intl	32⅝	32¼
Chase Manhat	29⅝	28⅝
Chemical Bk	36½	36½
Chevron Corp	85	85⅝
Chrysler	42⅝	42¼
Chubb Corp	84½	84
Cigna Corp	60	60⅝
Citicorp	27¼	27¼
Clorox	48⅝	49
Coastal Corp	26½	26¼
Coca Cola	40⅝	40⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	58⅝	59
Columbia Gas	21½	21½
Commonw Ed	26½	26½
Compaq Comp	54⅝	53⅞
Comp Ass Int	28⅝	28¼
Conagra	25¼	25½
Cons Edison	33¼	33½
Cons Nat Gas	51¼	51½
Cons Rail	51	51½
Cooper Inds	47⅝	47⅝
Corning Inc	34¼	34¼
Crown Cork	36½	36¼
Dana Corp	49	49¼
Dayton Hudson	71½	71½
Deere	55⅝	56
Delta Air Lines	57⅝	59⅝
Deluxe Corp	46¼	47
Detroit Edison	33½	33⅝
Digital Equip	47⅝	46¼
Dillard Dept St	39⅝	39⅝
Disney (Walt)	39⅝	39¼
Dominion Res	43	43⅝
Donelley (RR)	27½	27¼
Dover Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Dow Chemicals	53⅝	54
Dow Jones	30⅝	30¼
Dresser	21½	21
Duke Power	37⅝	37⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	58⅝	58⅝
Du Pont	50⅝	51½
Eastman Kodak	51	51½
Eaton Corp	83¼	85½

	May 18 midday	May 17 close
Emerson Elec	58⅝	58⅝
Engelhard Corp	32¼	32
Enron Corp	57¼	57½
Entergy Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Ethyl Corp	28⅝	29
Exxon	63⅝	64⅝
FMC Corp	44⅝	44⅝
FPL Group	37¼	37⅝
Federal Express	50	50⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	77¼	76¼
First Chicago	37⅝	37
First Interstate	55⅝	53⅝
First Union Rlty	11½	11½
Fleet Fnl Grp	30⅝	30⅝
Fluor Corp	38⅝	39
Ford Motor	53⅝	54½
GTE Corp	34⅝	35
Gannett	51½	51½
Gap Inc Del	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Cinema	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Dynamics	95¼	95½
Gen Electric	93	93⅝
Gen Mills	64¼	64⅝
Gen Motors	39⅝	39⅝
Gen Reinsurance	111½	109⅝
Gen Signal	61½	61½
Genuine Parts	34⅝	34⅝
Georgia Pac	63⅝	63
Gillette	51½	51½
Glaxo ADR	20	20⅝
Goodrich (BF)	45⅝	45⅝
Goodyear Tire	37⅝	38⅝
Grace (WR)	39⅝	39⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29⅝	29⅝
Great Wstn Fin	15⅝	15¼
Halliburton	40⅝	40⅝
Heinz (HJ)	37¼	38⅝
Hercules	72	72⅝
Hershey Foods	51½	52¼
Hewlett Packard	84⅝	79⅝
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	43⅝	42⅝
Homestake Mng	18⅝	17⅝
Honeywell	35⅝	35⅝
Household Intl	65¼	66¼
Houston Inds	44	43⅝
Humana	10⅝	10⅝
ITT Corp	81½	82⅝
Illinois Tool	71½	71½
INCO	21½	22
Ingersoll Rand	33⅝	33⅝
Inland Steel	25⅝	25⅝
Intel Corp	101	99
IBM	48⅝	47⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	114¼	114¼
Intl Paper	64½	65
James River Va	20⅝	20⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43⅝	43⅝
K Mart	22⅝	22⅝
Kellogg	56⅝	57
Kerr-McGee	51½	51½
Kimberly-Clark	48⅝	49
Knight-Ridder	55⅝	56⅝
Lilly (Eli)	50⅝	50⅝
Limited Inc	23	22⅝
LIN Brdcstng	87⅝	88⅝
Lincoln Nat	79	79⅝
Litton	58⅝	59⅝
Liz Claiborne	34½	34⅝
Lockheed Corp	62⅝	62⅝
Louisiana Pac	64½	62⅝
MCI Commun	50	50
Marriott	25⅝	25⅝
Marsh & McLnn	87⅝	87⅝
Masco Corp	31½	32
May Dept St	73⅝	73⅝
Maytag Corp	14½	14¼
McCaw Cellular	40⅝	40⅝
McDonalds	47¼	48⅝
McDonnell D	64⅝	63½
McGraw Hill	58⅝	59⅝
Mead Corp	44⅝	44¼
Medtronic	68¼	68⅝
Mellon Bk	53⅝	52⅝
Melville Corp	46¼	47⅝
Merck Inc	38¼	38⅝
Merrill Lynch	68⅝	68⅝
Minnesota Mine	112¼	112½
Mobil Corp	70	70
Monsanto	54⅝	54½
Morgan (JP)	65⅝	65⅝
Motorola Inc	77¼	75⅝
Natl Medical	8⅝	9
Natl Semi	14½	14¼
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	26¼
Navistar Int	2⅝	2½
NBD Bancorp	30⅝	30⅝
NY Times A	27⅝	27¼
Newmont Mng	50⅝	49⅝
Niag Mohawk	22⅝	22¼
Nike B	74	73⅝
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	28¼	27¼
Norfolk Sthrn	60⅝	61
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43⅝
Norwest Corp	49⅝	48⅝
Nynex Corp	81½	82⅝
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	24	23¼
Oracle Systems	40	39⅝

	May 18 midday	May 17 close
Oryx Energy Co	22¼	22⅝
Owens Corning	38⅝	39⅝
PNC Financial	30⅝	30⅝
PPG Industries	72	72⅝
Paccar Inc	55⅝	57¼
Pacificorp	17⅝	17⅝
Pac Enterprises	21¼	22⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	32⅝	32⅝
Pac Telesis	46½	46⅝
Pall Corp	19	19⅝
Panhandle East	21⅝	21¼
Paramnt Comm	50⅝	50⅝
Parker Hannifin	31½	31½
Penney (JC)	46⅝	46⅞
Pennzoil	64½	64⅞
Pepsico	36¼	36⅝
Pfizer	71½	71⅝
Phelps Dodge	44⅝	45
Philadel Elec	29⅝	29⅝
Philip Morris	50⅝	51
Phillips Pet	30	30
Pitney Bowes	41⅞	41½
Polaroid	34⅝	34⅝
Price Co	25⅝	28⅝
Primerica	44⅝	44⅝
Procter & Gmbl	49	49⅝
Pub Serv E & G	33⅝	33⅝
Quaker Oats	71¼	71⅞
Ralston Purina	47¼	47⅞
Raychem Corp	41½	42⅝
Raytheon	54⅝	54⅝
Reebok Intl	37⅝	37⅝
Reynolds Metals	43⅝	44⅝
Roadway Srvcs	53⅝	55¼
Rockwell Intl	32	32
Rohm & Haas	53¼	54⅝
Royal Dutch	90⅝	90⅞
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	55⅝	55½
St Paul's Cos	80⅝	81
Salomon Inc	34¼	35⅝
Santa Fe S Pac	17	16⅝
Sara Lee Corp	25⅝	25⅞
Secorp	46⅝	46⅝
Schering Plough	66½	66⅝
Schlumberger	65¼	66¼
Scott Paper	35⅝	35¼
Seagram	28⅝	28⅝
Sears Roebuck	52⅝	53
Shell Trans	56½	56½
Sherwin Wilms	31	31½
Skyline Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36⅝
Southern Co	39⅝	40
Sthwestern Bell	74⅝	75¼
Sprint Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Stanley Works	45⅝	45⅝
Sun Company	24¼	25
Suntrust	43⅝	43¼
Supervalu	33½	33⅝
Syntex Corp	18⅝	18¼
Sysco Corp	25⅝	25½
TRW Inc	63⅝	63⅞
Tandem Comp	13	12⅝
Tandy Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Telecom Corp	2⅝	2⅝
Teledyne	19⅝	19⅝
Temple Inland	43¼	43⅝
Tenneco	48⅝	49⅝
Texaco	63⅝	64⅝
Texas Inst	63½	62¼
Texas Utilities	45⅝	45⅝
Textron	48⅝	45¼
Time Warner	34½	35
Times-Mirror	30⅝	31
Timken	31½	31½
Torchmark	50⅝	52¼
Toys R Us	37¼	37⅝
Transamerica	48⅝	48⅝
Travelers Corp	26½	27⅝
Tribune	52⅝	53¼
Tyco Labs	38⅝	39¼
UAL Corp	136½	139¼
UST Inc	29⅝	29
USX Marathon	19⅝	19⅝
Unilever NV	106⅝	108¼
Union Camp	44⅝	45¼
Union Carbide	15¼	18⅝
Union Pacific	61	61½
Unisys Corp	12¼	12¼
USAIR Group	21	21¼
USF&G Corp	16⅝	16¼
US Life	37⅝	37
US West	41¼	40⅝
United Tech	51½	51½
Unocal Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Upjohn	29⅝	28¼
VF Corp	46½	47¼
Wal-Mart Stores	26¼	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	73⅝	73½
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31½	31¼
Wells Fargo	104¼	102½
Westinghouse El	15½	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	42⅝	42⅞
Whirlpool	53⅝	53¼
Whitman	14⅝	13⅝
Winn Dixie	55⅝	55¼
Woolworth	29⅝	29⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32¼	32⅝
Xerox	73⅝	72¼

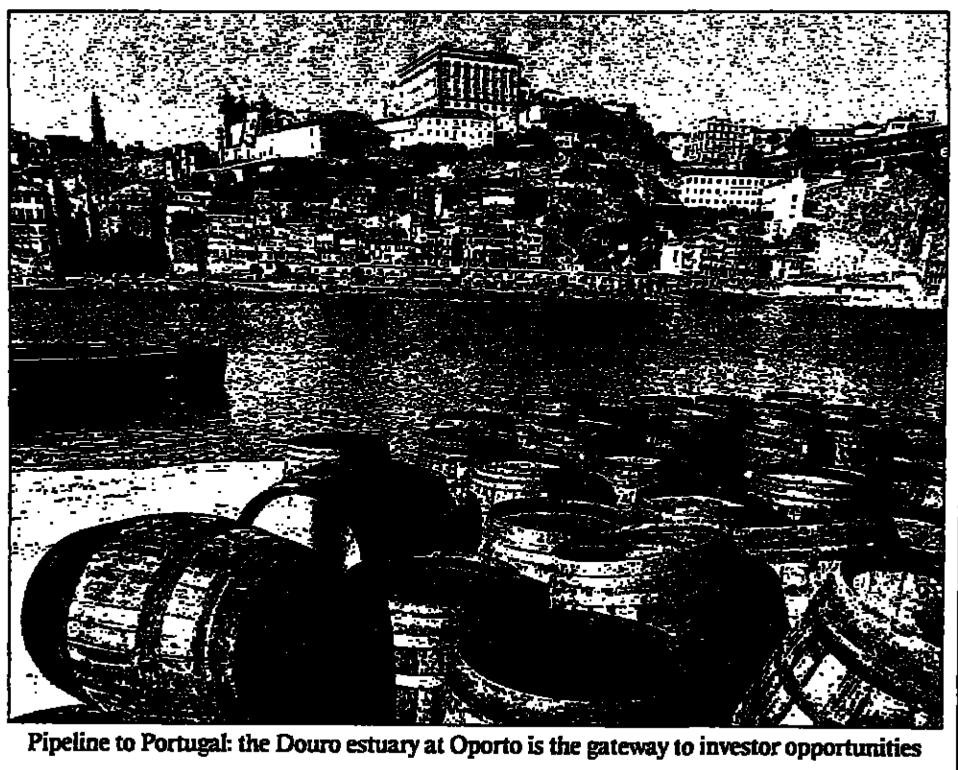
Portugal passes the port for wider economic tone

By Colin Narbrough

PORT and Madeira are dear old friends to British imbibers, but the Portuguese want to attract fresh inward investment from Britain to expand industry and tourism in *O Norte*, the port-making region, and develop their Atlantic isle of Madeira as an offshore financial haven.

Traditionally the biggest source of foreign investment in the Portuguese economy, Britain last year accounted for 22.8 per cent of the total, well ahead of France and Spain.

An investment roadshow organised by the Portguese-UK chamber of commerce made clear to a London audience yesterday that, since joining the European Community in 1986, Portugal has become more attractive to foreign investors. As well as its low wages, the tax regime has become more favourable and foreign exchange controls lifted.



Pipeline to Portugal: the Douro estuary at Oporto is the gateway to investor opportunities

The 6.5 per cent escudo devaluation on Friday followed an 8 per cent cut in the peseta, reflecting Portugal's need to be competitive with Spain, its main trading partner.

Ronnie Price, the chamber's director-general, said the bulk of British investors have been in holiday homes and property, with big players. But he stressed that the Portuguese are trying to foster more diversified investment. This was highlighted by the securing in 1991 of a $1.5 billion joint venture between Volkswagen and Ford to build multi-purpose transporters near Lisbon.

Inward investment fell 3.7 per cent last year, mainly due to the VW-Ford deal boosting the 1991 figure. Total foreign investment in 1992 was 427 billion escudos (£1.8 billion).

Banking and finance drew about a third of all inward investment, followed by property with about 25 per cent. The remainder was spread across industry, with small and medium-sized enterprises particularly favoured.

Jorge Veiga Franca, senior executive of the Madeira Development Company (SDM) noted the exceptional tax advantages the autonomous region of Madeira offers. Robert Thomas, manager of the Lisbon office of Arthur Andersen, the accountant, said the offshore holding company Madeira provided rivalled the popular Dutch holding vehicle.

Mr Thomas said cash and tax incentives to inward investment in Portugal meant that foreign companies could look forward to a tax holiday until 2001. The absence of minimum capital requirement for companies also presented a "window of opportunity" for investors.

The hardest sell came from Rodrigo Sarmento de Beires of the commission for the economic development of O Norte, the northern region of the wine-making Douro Valley and Oporto, the industrial city that gave the drink its name. Senhor Sarmento underlined that the region was the centre of a coastal strip from the northwest tip of Spain to the Algarve, currently being linked by fast road. The strip, linking 11 million people, is the most populous zone in Iberia. While O Norte was seeking to develop the tourist potential of the Douro valley, he said it was also keen to market technical skills in what is Portugal's entrepreneurial heartland.

Placing to raise £3.4m for Drew Scientific

By Martin Flanagan

KEITH Drew, chief executive of Drew Scientific, the analytical instruments maker, is to receive £1.3 million when he sells shares in the group as it comes to market next week.

The company is floating via a placing of 6.99 million shares and the other eight directors will receive £1.7 million overall. After the placing, at 105p a share, which gives Drew Scientific a stock market price tag of £25.2 million, the directors will still speak for 47.7 per cent of the group.

Drew, which makes instruments for monitoring diabetes, is raising £3.4 million through the placing to underpin expansion.

Mr Drew said: "The past few months have seen a rapid increase in sales of the group's products across the world, demonstrating that market acceptance for our products has been achieved."

It was also impact day yesterday for a placing and intermediaries offer of 28 million shares in RPC, which makes rigid plastic packaging. The issue price is 125p, giving RPC a market capitalisation of £75 million. At the issue price, the historic p/e ratio is about 15, compared with a sector average of about 20.

After the placing, the directors and employees will retain a 20 per cent stake in the business. The placing and offer will raise £33.7 million net, mainly to fund growth.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Whitbread 'B'	930p (+37p)	Grand Met	405p (-10p)
Takeda Chem	821p (+22p)	BAT	844p (-24p)
Thomson Corp	745p (+10p)	Booker	358p (-9p)
Cardiff Prop	160p (+10p)	Bespak	523p (-9p)
Land Sec	559p (+11p)	Greenalls Group	386p (-10p)
Derwent Holdings	423p (+10p)	United Biscuits	412p (-9p)
Blockleys	61p (+8p)	Manpower	996p (-13p)
Dart	92p (+7p)	BOC	681p (-17p)
Mitel	171p (+10p)	Marks Spencer	345½p (-9½p)
BICC	378p (+7p)	Domino	508p (-11p)
Standard Chart	731p (+8p)		
Courtauld Text	544p (+10p)		

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Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Irish Continental	160	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	40	...
Pilkington Warrants	32½	...
Regent Inns (135)	147	-3
Stagecoach (11?)	12?	
West Healthcare (260)	296	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Severfield Reeve n/p (32)	8	...
UK Safety n/p (47)	8	...
United Drug n/p (17?)	12	...

BRITISH FUNDS

GILTS rallied, recovering from early morning losses to finish largely unchanged or with small gains, despite the German bond market falling. The London market was relieved to know precise details of the next gilt auction.

The Bank of England announced that the auction, on May 26, would be for £3 billion of 7¾ per cent Treasury stock 2006. The stock will be partly paid, with the final 65 per cent instalment payable on June 21. Dividend dates for the new stock will be March 8 and September 8.

The futures market had a much better tone, with the June contract gaining 5 ticks to £103 26/32 in quiet trade, after touching a low of £103 11/32, with volume reaching 25,000 contracts.

Index-linked stocks fared well but the cash market saw Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 lose two ticks to £109 9/32.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
102 19/32	101 1/32	Treas 12¼% 1993	101 1/32	-1/32	12.37	5.81
100¼	99 25/32	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.86
106¼	104⅛	Treas 13¾% 1993	104 3/16 †	...	13.22	5.72
102 25/32	101½	Treas 8½% 1994	101½	-1/16	8.34	5.80
109⅝	106½	Treas 14½% 1994	106 7/16	-1/16	13.61	5.82
109¼	106 25/32	Exch 13½% 1994	106 25/32	-1/16	12.62	5.83
105 9/32	104 1/16	Treas 10% 1994	104 1/16 †	-1/16	9.61	5.90
110⅛	107 11/16	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅜	-1/16	11.61	6.14
105 9/16	103 15/16	Treas 9% 1994	103 15/16	-1/16	8.66	6.21
111 5/16	108⅜	Treas 12% 1995	108 13/16	-1/16	11.02	6.34
97⅛	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95 1/16	-1/16	3.14	5.38
109⅝	107⅜	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅜	-⅛	9.53	6.47
116⅜	113⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	113⅝	-1/16	11.19	6.58
120⅜	117 7/16	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	-1/16	11.95	6.86
125⅛	121 9/16	Treas 15¼% 1996	121½	-1/16	12.53	6.96
120⅞	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	118⅜	-1/16	11.36	6.97
111½	108⅜	Conv 10% 1996	109	-⅛	9.17	7.01
122⅝	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-⅛	11.13	7.24
113⅜	110⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	110⅝	-⅛	9.48	7.18
108 9/16	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅝	-1/16	8.28	7.17
132⅝	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	128⅜	+1/16	11.71	7.46
112⅛	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅛	-1/16	8.92	7.35
103⅜	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅜	-1/16	7.22	7.14
101	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅝	-1/16	6.80	7.13
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	133⅝	-1/16	11.58	7.60
122⅜	118⅜	Exch 12% 1998	118⅜ †	-1/16	10.12	7.73
112⅛	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	108⅝	-1/16	8.75	7.59
124⅝	120⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅝	-1/16	10.18	7.84
117⅝	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅛	-1/16	9.28	7.70
117⅝	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅝ †	-1/16	9.11	7.74
110⅝	106	Conv 9% 2000	106⅝	-1/16	8.43	7.68
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	126¼	-1/16	10.31	8.10
115⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	111⅛	-1/16	8.99	8.02
129½	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	125⅛ †	-⅛	11.18	7.81
114⅝	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅛	-1/16	8.85	8.16
103⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	99⅝ †	...	8.06	8.09
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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122⅝	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅝	-1/16	9.74	8.29
74⅝	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70⅛	+1/16	5.00	7.50
112⅛	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	107⅝	+1/16	8.81	8.40
112⅝	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	107⅝	+1/16	8.80	[illegible]
131½	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126⅛ †	...	9.89	[illegible]
101⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-1/16	8.25	8.41
125⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅝	-1/16	9.75	8.58
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	100⅛	+1/16	8.49	8.49
139⅛	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133⅛	-1/16	10.09	8.62
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅝	101⅝	Treas 9% 2008	104⅝	-1/16	8.64	8.49
99⅛	92⅝	Treas 8% 2009	95⅝	+⅛	8.37	8.53
108⅝	100⅜	Conv 9% 2011	103⅛	-1/16	8.69	[illegible]
108⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	103⅝	+1/16	8.68	[illegible]
76⅝	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73⅛	-1/16	7.50	[illegible]
97⅝	89⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅛	...	8.40	[illegible]
135⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅝ †	+1/16	9.22	8.50
105⅝	97⅛	Treas 8¼% 2017	101⅛	...	8.65	[illegible]
		UNDATED				
48⅛	43⅛	Consols 4%	46½	+1/16	8.67	...
42⅝	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	40⅝ †	-1/16	8.67	...
63	60⅝	Conv 3½%	61⅛	-⅛	5.70	...
31⅛	28⅛	Consols 2½%	29⅝	...	8.37	...
30⅛	27⅝	Treas 2½%	28⅝	-1/16	8.72	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
139⅜	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	133⅝	+1/16	...	[illegible]
197⅛	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	195½	+⅛	2.01	[illegible]
109⅝	106⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½	+⅛	2.46	[illegible]
166¼	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163½	+1/16	2.93	[illegible]
163⅝	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160⅛ †	+1/16	3.03	[illegible]
111⅝	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	109⅛	+1/16	3.16	[illegible]
170⅝	159⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	167⅛	-1/16	3.14	[illegible]
154⅝	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151⅛ †	+1/16	3.33	[illegible]
159⅝	148⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156⅝	+1/16	3.40	[illegible]
131⅛	122⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128⅝	+1/16	3.46	[illegible]
139⅝	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135⅛	+1/16	3.53	[illegible]
133⅝	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130⅛	+1/16	3.58	[illegible]
111⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107⅛	+1/16	3.61	[illegible]
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Aiming to keep Russia's new revolution from turning sour

In his second report from Moscow, **Ross Tieman** examines the experience and objectives of one of the biggest foreign investors to invade Russia



Production line: a Russian worker assembles a Tetra Pak machine in a factory near Moscow

The goal of Tetra Laval Group in Russia is simple: to establish a dominant market position before its rivals wake up to the opportunities. In a country where industrial production is plummeting, inflation last year topped 2,000 per cent and the average wage is little more than £7 a month, the Swedish food processing and packaging equipment group has invested more than $100 million. By the end of the decade, if all goes to plan, the figure will top $1 billion.

Despite the difficult short-term outlook, Hans Rausing, the chairman and part-owner of the private Tetra Laval Group, insists this is not an act of charity. Rather, there is a happy coincidence between the moral responsibility he feels to help rebuild Russia's economy and feed its people, and the opportunity for profit. "Who comes first takes the best place," he says.

Profits are possible, from two sources. In the packaging business, Dr Rausing says, the "gross margins before depreciation are very high, and if you run with Russian-built machines you can make excellent profits". But a massive under-valuation of the rouble, he adds, offers a second opportunity. Parts of Russia's industrial base hitherto directed to making arms are sophisticated. So it makes sense to build low-technology machines in Russia for the domestic market and for export. Indeed, parts supplied from Russia could cut the cost of Tetra Laval's Swedish production, he says.

For Tetra Laval, a world leader in packaging with annual sales of more than $9 billion and 34,000 employees, opportunities in the Confederation of Independent States are mouthwatering. Russia alone has a population of 149 million people, many of whom eat poorly because up to 40 per cent of the food produced there is wasted. Poor packaging and distribution are identified as the chief culprits.

Tetra Laval is no stranger to Russia. Group companies have been selling dairy equipment there since the last century and Dr Rausing has been involved in Russian deals since 1958.

But the breakdown of central planning caused a hiatus. Jonas Nachmansson, Tetra Laval's head of marketing intelligence, says: "Doing business here used to be simple. We had two contacts at ministries. The dairies told them what they wanted and we would negotiate the sale of equipment for 500 dairies to the ministries. We never even knew where the dairies were. That was classified information." After two years travelling in Russia trying to establish contacts and assess prospects, Mr Nachmansson reckons there are 1,600 dairies in the country.

Russia produces more milk per head of population than Britain. Yet milk is frequently unavailable in Moscow's shops, and when it does arrive, it is often sour. Frequently, Moscow's milk is reconstituted from EC powder. In winter, poor roads may make milk collection impossible. In summer, the absence of refrigeration means the milk is frequently sour when it reaches the dairy. And farmers would sooner pour milk away than cut their prices.

The Cherkizovo dairy, one of three serving Moscow, produces milk in bottles and Russian-made cartons, but sterilised milk in Tetra Pak boxes has proved most popular with customers because it does not go off, and the cartons are robust and do not leak. Need is one thing. Commercial demand is quite another. The challenge Tetra Laval faces is to produce milk processing equipment, packing machines and packing materials at a price the dairies can afford. To this end, the group has embarked on a series of joint ventures with Russian partners. Several were begun during Mikhail Gorbachev's era of perestroika, which has helped Tetra Laval steal a march on its rivals.

A joint venture with a former military plant on the outskirts of Moscow is assembling robust mechanical and hydraulically operated Tetra Pak machines chosen for their suitability for the Russian market. Kits of components are at present brought from Sweden: by the end of the year the company aims to source 70 per cent locally, rising to 100 per cent by mid-1994. That is an urgent imperative.

According to Jan Hildingstam, managing director of Tetra Laval's Russian operations, imported machines can no longer compete in the Russian market with equipment from subsidised state-owned manufacturers, even though technically superior, because of their high cost. But to get small volumes of components of the necessary quality Tetra Laval has to work closely with suppliers. The same is true of packaging materials. Tetra Laval has two joint ventures producing material for its machines. One, in Russia, also produces other types of packaging for the food industry. But the second plant is at Kiev, in Ukraine. Wrangles between Russia and Ukraine over terms of trade have curtailed its ability to export to Russia and hastened planning for a third plant in St Petersburg.

Earlier this year, Tetra Laval stepped into the privatisation process and acquired a 40 per cent stake in Potok at Kalingrad, Russia's largest manufacturer of milk pasteurising equipment. The company also has a modest stake in a juice processing and packaging plant at Lipetsk. In total, these ventures employ more than 2,000 people. But they are not universally welcomed.

Russia's growing environmental movement has singled out Tetra Pak for criticism because it is replacing re-usable bottles with throw-away cartons, compounding problems of deforestation and pollution by papermills. Andrei Serikov, co-ordinator for 7,000 Greenpeace members in Russia, says: "Tetra Pak packages are not the only solution. For milk it is better to produce glass bottles. Tetra Pak and similar companies want to develop Russia as a market because their products run into problems in the West."

The company emphatically denies the charge. Mr Nachmansson says reuse rates for glass bottles are actually very low, and producing and collecting them consumes a lot of energy. Tetra Laval is working with its paper supplier to cut emissions, he says. According to Tetra Pak, neither packaging method has a clear environmental advantage.

But the topic is clearly a sensitive one. The charges highlight both a deep-seated distrust of foreigners common in Russia and the difficulty of dealing with a population that is politically sophisticated but economically almost illiterate. Russian enterprises are massively overmanned and managers have little grasp of market mechanisms, accountancy or cost control.

To help, Tetra Laval has set up its own management institute in Sweden. But the gulf is wide. Hans Blücher, a trainer, recalls the Russian manager who remarked that Sweden's full shops were a sign of economic failure as "nobody can afford to buy the goods".

Tetra Laval's strategy has been to make a large hard-currency investment, and then to reinvest the rouble income in expansion. But operating in what Thomas Zachariasson, managing director of the Ukraine business, calls "the wild east" is a challenge requiring imaginative solutions. To help its managers in the CIS cope with hyper-inflation, Tetra Laval flew in accountants who had experienced it in Latin America. While recognising that dairies cannot obtain credits to buy its machines, it rents them out.

Even so, Mr Hildingstam notes a clutch of problems he just has to live with. There are difficulties with external trade, and a banking system that takes ten to 12 weeks to transfer funds. "It happens quite often that money just disappears," he says. "The purchasing power of the population has gone down tremendously; it's difficult to find companies that earn hard currency and can afford to buy from us."

However, he has no doubts about the logic of Tetra Laval's strategy. "It is cheaper, relatively speaking, to go in now instead of ten years' time," he says. But he knows that the option is not open to everyone. "We are a family owned company and only have a family to consult. If you had 25,000 shareholders you could not possibly do this kind of investment: you could not take the risk."

TEMPUS

Flying into foreign skies

GIVEN the traumas of the airline industry, it is hard not to be impressed by British Airways' ability to remain profitable. From an investment standpoint, even the dirty tricks affair could be seen as an example of how the group's executives play to win.

The question for shareholders is whether they should now invest in the group's attempt to steal a march on its loss-making competitors and build a route network in America and the Far East through its strategic alliances with USAir and Qantas. History is littered with alliances that ended in bitter failure and astounding losses. The most notorious example is Midland Bank's investment in Crocker National in California a decade ago. Like Midland, BA has no management control over its investments, but unlike the bank it has taken some precautions. It has bought preference stock in USAir, which has a fixed yield for the group to fall back on if the alliance breaks up. The investment in ordinary shares in Qantas could be more problematic, especially as there are fewer obvious immediate gains like the code-sharing with USAir.

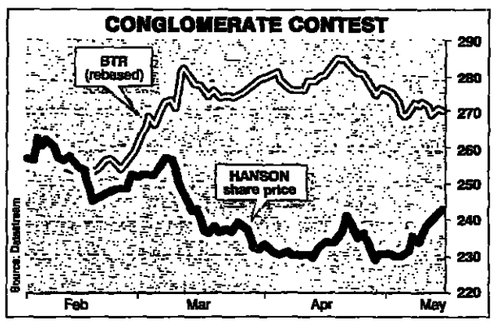
The group has set itself other demanding targets, notably its target of cutting another £150 million from costs this year. BA has delivered in the past and should be given the benefit of the doubt. The last thing that Sir Colin Marshall and his colleagues need now, however, is a time-consuming legal dispute with Virgin Atlantic. The shares, at an ex-rights price of 286p, may mark time until the group turns some of its promises into reality.

Hanson

THE new accounting standards have gone a long way to remove the fog from Hanson. In the latest set of interim figures, it can now be seen that profits would have fallen by 4 per cent had it not been for three small but profitable disposals.

In the past, investors forgave Hanson its reluctance to divulge information because it habitually turned in strong earnings and dividend growth. A group that reports an unchanged dividend and a 9 per cent fall in earnings per share is not the Hanson of old, however understandable the problems at Peabody, Beazer and ARC may be. The group says that large acquisitions will continue to be part of its strategy but the comment lacks conviction. Investors in Britain and America have already chased share prices to ambitious levels, particularly in the basic industries in which Hanson has always specialised.

On a yield and earnings basis Hanson stands at a substantial discount to BTR, its long-time rival. It looks doubtful that it will close the gap in the short term. After all, Hanson still has the luxury of £5.5 billion of past provisions, 24 per cent higher than its entire net worth, even though it used almost £636 million of those provisions in the last six months. Until the management show renewed underlying momentum, the market is likely to view such details sceptically.



Marks & Spencer

IF Marks & Spencer can produce this kind of result in a recession, its prospects when a consumer upturn finally arrives must be excellent. Some remain sceptical. M&S is an attractive defensive stock, they say, but its appeal lies in its ability to control costs rather than generate sales. The group certainly manages its costs well. The portfolio of freehold stores and the high proportion of part-time staff have kept costs lower than its competitors'.

The verdict on the group's sales potential is unduly harsh. Last autumn's "outstanding value" campaign showed the group was perfectly capable of being more aggressive on price. Sales did not rocket, but they enabled M&S to gain market share. There is no reason to suppose these customers will suddenly desert the group when the economy picks up. On the contrary, growth in M&S's up-market food business may recapture more of its previously lost market share.

On a prospective p/e ratio of more than 19, much of this good news is already in the price. From this high base the performance of the shares, not unlike the products, will be solid, not scintillating.

BOC

TUCKED away in the notes to BOC's interim figures was the news that the group has started putting acquired intangible assets on its balance sheet. The effect so far has been minimal. For Brevibloc, the injectible heart beat controller acquired in January, an intangible asset value of £47.9 million has been included. This will be depreciated over the life of its 11-year patent, although that pales into insignificance against the £232 million rise in tangible assets due to the fall in sterling.

The new accounting policy could become more significant as time passes. The City was prepared for a sharp fall in sales of Forane, BOC's main anaesthetic which came off patent in January, but it was upset at the slow roll-out of Suprane, its successor. BOC is keen to find acquisitions to plug the gap, and the new accounting treatment helps it take on large chunks of goodwill without high gearing.

Allied-Lyons

THE problem with trying to line up three ducks in a row, as Allied-Lyons has apparently tried to do by reporting preliminary figures, the purchase of a French spirits and wine distributor and a convertible bond issue on the same day, is that the silly birds tend to waddle off in different directions. The acquisition came seven hours after the figures; the bond issue could come today. The lack of a simultaneous entrance did the company's reputation for efficiency few favours, and distracted attention from impressive final results.

Allied may not need £200 million cash more than any other drinks group, since debt and interest cover are both running in the right direction. But it would be useful to fund gradual expansion.

LWT

THE success of the merger of Central and Anglia Television's sales forces has prompted LWT and Yorkshire-Tyne Tees to do the same in order to boost their share of advertising revenue.

Although Yorkshire's in-house sales team is clearly in need of LWT's help, this latest venture may not succeed as well as its forerunner. Unlike Central and Anglia, the regions are not contiguous and have very different demographic profiles.

LWT, which now owns 19 per cent of Yorkshire, will have to work hard to justify the cost of the investment.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Confessions of a Nadir player

BARELY allowing the engine jets to cool on a north Cyprus runway, one of the main players in the Polly Peck farrago has broken cover and offered his version of the story. A scarcely credible letter received by *The Times* from the solicitor of Jason Davies, last heard of in Geneva and one of Asil Nadir's financial lieutenants, offers to spill the beans in an "exclusive" interview, in return for £15,000 plus unspecified legal fees. Davies's employment prospects "have been severely hampered by the publicity," Rodney Hylton-Potts, his adviser, says in the letter. Hylton-Potts was more expansive over the telephone. "Jason's position is that because of this problem and the publicity, he's been unemployed for some time, and he's really hard up." The BBC, he claims, are "mad keen" for the interview, but will only pay a nominal amount. In the "very wide-ranging story" promised by his client, Davies, it is claimed, is prepared to give details of wild sex parties funded by Nadir and attended by MPs, of an offer to Nadir of a knighthood in return for donations to Conservative party funds, and of the legal shenanigans surrounding the alleged attempted bribery of a senior judge. The legal fees, expected to amount to perhaps £5,000, would go to Hylton-Potts, who would accompany the writer to the unnamed European country where Davies resides.

MICHAEL Jackaman was in playful mood as he chaired a briefing on Allied-Lyons' annual results. The date — May 18 — was, he said, the anniversary of the accession of Napoleon as Emperor, the birthdays of Bertrand Russell and Perry Como — and the opening of The Sound of Music. *His advisers had suggested that he and the rest of the board might care to dress up as nuns to commemorate this last — "but my colleagues said they would prefer to save that for the weekend".*

Pearl of a place

OYSTER fans will be dismayed to learn that Bentley's, that culinary haunt under the Legal & General building on Queen Victoria Street, has passed into liquidation. The good news is that it — and its sister on Swallow Street — are still open for business. Confused? Well, it seems that Boddington, the pubs, hotels and healthcare group that used to include Bentley's and still owns the lease, has stepped back in to keep Bentley's afloat while the financial situation is clarified — "99 per cent of the value is in the name," says Giles Whittome, the liquidator. He is hopeful that a car enthusiast might step in with an offer. The troubled restaurant should not be confused with Bill Bentley's of Old Broad Street, which appeared to be thriving yesterday.



"British Airways cash call, sir?"

Flying the nest

NEARLY a year after the accountants went in at Canary Wharf, word has surfaced about the team led by Michael Dennis, who helped put the project together. Dennis, who masterminded the building of the Docklands skyscraper, is doing part-time work for Olympia & York in America. Peter Dale, the former transport specialist, is still chairman of River Bus, the Thames commuter service. Chuck Young, former marketing director, is working for a merchant bank and a reinsurer, and Bob Speirs, one of only two directors not fired *en masse* in October, joins the Royal Bank of Scotland as finance director in July. The source of it all is Robert John, former deputy chief executive, who has joined KPMG Peat Marwick to lead a team advising on major capital projects.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Providing capital for small-scale entrepreneurs

From Mr Robert Skidelsky and Mr Liam Halligan

Sir, Janet Bush (May 13) and the business letter of May 18 are correct to point out the dangers of a borrowing squeeze on small firms during an upswing, particularly since a major source of illiquidity comes from low house prices depleting the collateral of many small-scale entrepreneurs.

The government cannot expect commercial banks to ignore the risks or high costs of lending in this sector.

The problem is not one of finance for business start-up; what is required is capital allowing the best of our small firms to grow sufficiently to be listed on the Stock Exchange. Small enterprises, the source of much employment and innovation, remain starved of venture capital; resulting financial bottlenecks often force firms to be wound-up unnecessarily.

While loan guarantees lack the permanence required to affect significantly bankers' attitudes towards small firms, initiatives along the lines of Germany's *Kreditanstalt für Weideraufbau* could help. A long-term loan institution, it buys funds wholesale on world capital markets, lending to small firms, via the banks, at ½ per cent above the base rate.

With the government as the sole shareholder, it pays no dividends. The KfW has proved highly cost effective and has fostered bank ownership of newly listed equities. Should the Unlisted Securities Market prove irretrievable, we need institutional reform along these lines, rather than short-term government guarantees. Our national fixation on bricks and mortar is unhealthy.

Linking an entrepreneur's ability to borrow solely to the market value of the family home not only hinders the economy's emergence from slump, but encourages overspending during recovery, and subsequent indebtedness.

Yours faithfully,
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Motor insurance

From Mr A. M. Baker

Sir, If Mr Hadfield's argument on motor insurance (May 7) were a motor car it would fail its MOT as being unroadworthy. Among the points he is overlooking are:

Motor insurance remains fiercely competitive and if any motor insurer increases premiums too high or offers poor customer service there are over a hundred others who will compete for the business. Does Mr Hadfield seriously want the government to put a stop to this?

Secondly, even Mr Micawber managed to grasp the fact that Mr Hadfield cannot grasp, that no one (whether they be a commercial organisation or an individual) can survive indefinitely with £1.30 being paid out of every £1 of premium coming in. The result would be bankruptcy and this would hardly be in the interests of policyholders. Premiums have had to rise, but this has certainly not been the only action taken by companies. The group rating structure has recently been revised to allow for more flexibility in the rating of individual vehicles, an evaluation scheme for vehicle security devices has been launched, a major initiative to stamp out insurance fraud is proving very successful and many insurers have been revising their operations to improve efficiency.

Insurance is very closely supervised by the Department of Trade and Industry, but when it comes to underwriting decisions the DTI, quite rightly, leaves insurers and commercial competition to decide premium levels.

I have to acknowledge that there is one small part of Mr Hadfield's letter that is correct. Insurers cannot always accurately predict the future. The once-in-300-year hurricane or the 50 per cent plus jump in crime were difficult to predict, although with hindsight some commentators may believe otherwise. If Mr Hadfield has a crystal ball or is able to offer some form of prediction service I'm sure there will be many insurers (not to mention racing tipsters) who will want to have a word with him.

Surely, Mr Hadfield's concern on behalf of the insurance-buying public couldn't be motivated by the pressure his members are facing from insurers determined to get better value for money on repair costs and stamp out "the insurance job"?

Yours faithfully,
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Council tax and charity workers

From Mr Walter Webster

Sir, The position, regarding council tax, of employees of charities, who for the better performance of their duties, are required by their contract to live on the premises where they work (eg, clergymen, wardens and caretakers) requires clarification.

Under the former rating system, employers could pay the local authority rates without the employee having to pay tax on the benefit.

The community charge, which followed the rating system, was regarded as a personal charge and, as such, any reimbursement to the occupier by the charity was regarded as taxable income.

The council tax now in operation is a mixture of the two former systems. Clarification is needed as to the tax position of the occupant, if the charity itself decides to pay the council tax.

Would it not be equitable if the payment of the council tax by the charity were to be regarded as a non-taxable benefit, where earnings did not exceed £8,500 a year? There are already a number of tax benefits so listed by the Inland Revenue and this proposal should be added to that list.

Yours sincerely,
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	116.00	124.00	+0.60	1.01
International	88.01	93.62	+0.52	.96
Dividend Gth	57.36	60.91	+0.34	4.61
Global Gth Sec	61.59	65.53	+0.11	2.64
Ethical Growth	65.24	69.40	+0.27	2.52
High Inc Equity	150.00	159.50†	+1.00	4.99
Worldwide Bond	262.30	278.10†	+1.50	4.35
Gilts Fixed Int	128.60	136.70	+0.20	6.04

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0224 633070
Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
071 374 6801

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	42.39	44.74†	+0.47	0.70
European	78.90	83.59	+0.15	...
European Inc	75.38	79.95†	-0.48	1.88
Exempt	899.40	917.90†	+0.80	3.35
Extra Inc	43.66	46.42	+0.21	5.02
F East Emerg Ec	83.29	88.92	+0.48	0.72

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	376.40	402.30	+0.10	4.09
Equity Inc	211.50	226.00	-0.40	4.03
High Yield	230.70	246.60†	+0.10	4.15
Balanced	638.30	682.30	-1.00	2.99
American Inc	45.73	48.93	-0.01	3.47
Wld Asset Val	38.96	41.64	-0.13	1.97
Japan	194.30	206.90	-2.50	0.01
Secs of Am	387.90	413.00†	-1.60	0.44

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD.
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	311.00	330.90†	+0.70	2.70
-do- Inc	220.20	234.30†	+0.40	2.70
Higher Inc Acc	566.50	602.70†	-1.60	3.70
-do- Inc	343.90	365.90†	-1.00	3.70
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	172.90	182.60	-0.20	6.23
-do- Inc	90.62	95.70	-0.09	6.23
Nth America	245.90	261.60†	+2.20	...
Far East	290.80	309.40†	+0.20	0.20
Europe	217.30	231.30	+0.50	1.03
General Inc	421.20	448.10	+0.90	2.35
-do- Acc	462.10	491.60	+0.70	2.35
Brit Excell	63.09	67.12†	+0.19	2.68
Brit Fndmtls Inc	67.23	71.53	+0.15	4.72
Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.66	92.22	+0.22	4.72
Global Opps	71.13	75.68†	+0.08	0.09

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	105.30	112.70	+0.80	2.77
Euro Gth Inc	112.60	119.50	+0.60	1.05
Extra Inc	103.90	111.10†	+0.40	4.89
General	238.20	254.80	+1.40	2.98
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.49	58.40†	+0.02	8.64
Income	482.00	515.50	+2.60	4.50

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	88.53	93.93	+1.30	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	117.00	125.30	+1.30	...
Convertibles	53.11	56.80	-0.05	6.90
Eastern	185.00	199.00	+2.30	1.60
Equity Income	80.81	85.96†	-0.17	6.20
European Gth	221.40	235.30†	+0.70	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.20	159.30	+0.10	1.90
Exempt	81.95	84.13	...	3.60
German Growth	55.38	58.94	-0.23	0.70
Global Growth	106.50	113.40	+0.80	...
Japan Growth	194.40	208.00	-1.80	...
Japan Sunrise	168.60	180.10	-1.60	...
Portfolio	117.60	125.70	+0.40	3.20
-do- Acc	209.10	224.00	+0.70	3.30
UK Growth	79.15	94.20	+0.60	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	82.53	88.26†	+0.15	1.90
Select Managers	62.51	66.95	+0.36	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	103.70	110.91	+0.19	1.87
-do- Inc	94.27	100.82	+0.17	1.87
Global Bond	28.51	30.25†	+0.06	4.89
High Yield Acc	52.98	56.66	+0.06	4.06
-do- Inc	38.45	41.13†	+0.04	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	90.16	96.42	+0.22	1.35
-do- Inc	82.86	88.62†	+0.20	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.97	60.93	+0.54	...
-do- Inc	55.91	59.79	+0.53	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.33	107.30	+0.91	1.07
-do- Inc	98.95	105.83	+0.90	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.51	36.91	+0.15	1.31
Pacific Growth	100.32	107.29	+0.58	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.72	92.75	+0.37	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	122.00	129.90	+0.40	3.22
Smaller Cos Acc	287.50	307.60	-0.80	...
Smaller Cos Inc	167.20	178.90†	-0.40	1.21
High Inc	70.42	75.70	+0.40	6.92
Income	127.20	136.10†	+0.60	4.04
Mngd P folio Inc	91.66	97.64	+0.59	2.04
-do- Acc	173.30	184.50	+1.10	...
North American	102.20	108.80	+1.40	0.20
Orient	121.50	130.90†	-1.10	...
Recovery	40.61	43.65†	-0.03	2.56
German	39.99	42.89	-0.32	0.09
Intl Growth	32.81	34.94	+0.14	0.22
European Inc	21.76	23.43	-0.15	0.48

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	60.68	64.56	+0.04	1.36
-do- Acc	68.41	72.78	-0.05	1.16
Income Fund 5	209.40	222.80†	...	4.13
-do- Acc	487.20	518.40†	+0.10	4.13
Inv Portfolio	66.46	68.89	+0.36	2.06
-do- Acc	75.05	77.78	+0.41	2.08
Smaller Cos	127.00	135.20	+0.50	1.50
-do- Acc	152.60	162.40	+0.70	...
High Inc P folio	59.52	61.68	-0.08	4.71

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Str Gilt Fxd Int	65.56	66.45	-0.06	6.05

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	133.90	142.50	+0.50	1.67
UK Growth	145.80	155.30	+1.00	2.10
UK Income	122.30	130.00†	+0.60	4.18

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	85.37	91.30	+1.62	1.62
Growth	44.19	47.26	+0.08	2.90
Income	53.83	57.57	+0.26	4.22
Far East	47.90	51.23	-0.06	0.15
North American	81.76	87.91†	+1.41	0.01
Global	83.19	88.97	+0.91	0.74
European	68.01	72.74	+0.18	1.22
Japan	110.60	118.30	-1.10	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.43	60.85†	+0.16	5.27
UK Cap Gwth	78.15	83.58	+0.84	2.16

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	125.30	133.60	+1.20	0.12
-do- Acc	133.40	142.00	+1.20	0.12
European	64.55	68.42	+0.04	0.90
-do- Acc	66.90	70.92	+0.04	0.90
Far East Gen	62.62	66.62	-0.83	...
-do- Acc	62.62	66.62	-0.83	...
Glenfriars	244.60	260.30	+3.30	0.74
-do- Acc	275.30	292.90	+3.60	0.74
Growth	376.90	403.20	+0.70	2.30
-do- Acc	645.20	690.10	+1.10	2.30
Income Growth	372.90	396.80	+0.80	3.79
-do- Acc	495.00	527.60	+1.00	3.79
Master Portfolio	9338.0	9677.0†	+11.00	2.86
-do- Acc	10807.0	11199.0	+12.00	2.86
Special Sits	86.57	92.10	+0.18	2.25
-do- Acc	101.30	107.77	+0.21	2.25
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1182.0	1219.0†	+2.00	4.37
-do- Acc	1394.0	1438.0	+2.00	4.37

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	186.60	198.70	+2.00	1.66
Capital	526.00	561.30†	-0.60	2.37
Eurotrack 100	126.90	135.00	+0.50	1.53
Euro Gth	78.66	83.75	+0.35	1.35
Far East Growth	89.28	95.28	-0.79	0.14
Global Bond	23.28	24.83	+0.05	6.10
Hong Kong	81.63	87.11	+1.14	0.79
Income	492.10	525.10†	...	3.97
Intl Growth	72.88	77.78	+0.11	1.00
Japan Growth	262.70	280.30	-6.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.80	36.07	-0.42	...
Japan Index	75.47	80.54	-1.44	0.34
Nth American	421.90	450.20	+3.80	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	54.69	58.36†	+1.34	...
The Footsie Fd	107.10	113.00	-0.20	2.60
Tiger Index	138.60	147.90	+1.50	0.66
Trade Index	104.40	111.40	+0.30	2.58
UK Index	122.50	130.70	-0.20	2.98

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	81.38	86.92	+0.07	1.00
European P folio	70.94	75.47	+0.49	1.38
Japanese P folio	64.19	68.14	-0.65	...
Pacific P folio	98.83	106.27	+1.34	1.11
Cazenove P folio	70.05	74.93	-0.06	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.01	66.48	-0.08	5.00
Utility & Bond	48.85	49.49	+0.10	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.17	65.44	...	2.31
Beckman Intl	79.66	84.06†	...	3.15
Friars Hse Inc	175.04	188.22	...	6.18
Friars Hse Cap	244.72	263.14	...	2.77

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Gth Acc	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	35.74	38.02	+0.08	1.80
-do- Acc	40.27	42.84	+0.09	1.80
UK General	67.73	72.05	+0.03	2.44
-do- Acc	81.20	86.38	+0.04	2.44
Wwide Bd	62.28	66.19	+0.29	6.09
-do- Acc	80.04	85.06	+0.38	6.09
Wwide Sp Sits	55.54	59.40	+0.04	0.17
-do- Acc	57.86	61.88	+0.04	0.17
Quilter	119.55	127.18†	+0.33	2.45
-do- Acc	132.77	141.24	+0.36	2.45
Quilter Income	92.98	98.91†	+0.23	3.52
-do- Acc	114.60	121.91	+0.29	3.52
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.98	91.98†	+0.01	5.31
-do- Acc	91.98	91.98†	+0.01	5.31
Fin Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	40.38	42.96†	+0.04	7.02
-do- Acc	107.02	113.85	+0.11	7.02
Equity Inc	146.39	155.73	+0.37	2.79
-do- Acc	469.92	499.92	+1.20	2.79
High Yield	117.99	125.52	+0.22	4.62
-do- Acc	445.58	474.02	+0.86	4.62
Preference	46.45	49.42†	+0.03	7.42
-do- Acc	238.50	253.72	+0.14	7.42
PPT Europe	146.84	156.21†	-0.33	0.96
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.32	50.34†	-0.01	7.78
PPT Global Bnd	82.22	87.33†	+0.59	5.57
PPT Gold Com	56.52	60.13†	-0.68	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.79	59.35†	+0.86	0.48
PPT Far East Gth	103.66	110.28†	+0.17	0.23
PPT Managed	60.68	64.55	+0.06	3.38
-do- Acc	74.18	78.91	+0.07	3.38
PPT Japan	113.97	121.24†	-1.88	...
PPT N Amer	144.26	153.47†	+1.22	0.08
PPT UK Gth	115.86	123.25	+0.12	1.90

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	81.77	86.99	+1.05	0.91
Japanese Acc	60.75	64.63	-0.76	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.30	134.40	+0.60	2.50
-do- Acc	147.50	156.90	+0.70	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.70	219.90†	+1.00	2.20
UK High Inc	130.80	139.20†	+0.70	6.82
-do- Acc	158.30	168.40†	+0.80	6.82
N America Acc	108.80	115.70	+1.50	0.34
European Acc	151.00	160.70	+0.50	0.44
UK Pref Fl Inc	59.73	63.35	+0.03	8.92
-do- Acc	96.40	102.20	...	8.92
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.88	49.87	+0.16	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.12	75.66†	+0.26	1.47

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	107.90	114.60	+0.60	0.44
Uk Smlr Cos	193.60	205.70†	+0.20	1.22
Eurofund	36.75	38.92	+0.10	1.03
Mngd Exempt	164.40	171.30	+0.70	3.06
Growth Inc	211.60	224.80	-0.50	3.78
High Dist	139.30	148.00†	+0.40	5.24
International	314.70	334.40	+0.30	0.97
Intl Income	80.05	85.45†	+1.15	3.04
Pacific	58.14	61.77	+0.95	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	68.32	72.59	-0.87	...
Tokyo	197.80	210.20	-3.40	...
Japan Exempt	114.50	117.60	-0.40	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	571.40	587.10	+19.80	0.09

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	118.20	125.50	+0.50	1.12
Australia	6.787	7.190	-0.078	1.10
Equity	185.20	196.80	+0.30	3.56
Euro Spec Sits	138.80	146.90†	+0.50	0.57
Financial	38.98	41.42	+0.14	2.91
Global Opps Inc	87.37	92.83	+0.31	2.17
-do- Acc	90.56	96.22	+0.32	2.17
Gold Gen Inc	47.09	50.03†	-0.08	0.87
-do- Acc	90.39	96.04†	-0.13	0.87
Income	120.70	128.20	+0.40	3.82
Japan General	154.00	163.90	-1.70	...
Preference	21.42	22.76†	+0.01	8.00
UK Capital	102.40	108.80	+0.10	3.10
Worldwide Cap	194.60	206.80	+0.40	3.10
World Income	91.71	96.82	+0.68	3.51

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	173.90	184.00	...	1.08

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	102.93	108.35†	-0.06	3.32
High Income	118.22	124.44†	-0.39	4.89
Tst of Inv Tsts	142.21	149.69	+0.29	2.14
Special Sits	83.17	87.55	+0.11	2.79
North American	101.94	107.30	+0.32	0.94
Far Eastern	240.68	253.35	-0.62	1.39
Intl Growth	93.31	98.22	-0.25	1.37
European	62.50	65.79	-0.06	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.79	73.46	-0.13	2.19

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	215.50	229.20†	...	3.66

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	117.00	124.50	+0.80	...
High Income	24.96	26.26†	+0.12	5.79

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	89.77	94.99	-0.11	0.87
Far Eastern	135.40	144.80	-0.70	...
Oseas Income	88.70	94.92	+0.69	2.45
UK Growth	92.48	98.91	+0.35	0.97
UK Income	98.18	105.00†	+0.40	3.49
US Smaller Cos	237.00	253.50	+1.30	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	409.90	438.30	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	418.70	447.70	+1.40	...
Capital	285.80	304.00	...	1.92
-do- Acc	398.00	423.30	...	1.92
Contl Smllr Cos	47.55	51.12	-0.03	0.77
-do- Acc	49.20	52.89	-0.03	0.77
Convertible	114.10	121.30	+0.20	5.94
-do- Acc	211.30	224.70	+0.40	5.94
European	93.72	100.00†	-0.10	0.93
-do- Acc	97.48	104.00†	-0.10	0.93
Extra Income	291.20	309.70	+0.70	4.01
-do- Acc	407.70	433.60	+1.00	4.01
Financial	101.90	109.50†	+0.10	0.73
-do- Acc	106.70	114.60†	...	0.73
Health Fund Inc	111.60	119.20	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	111.60	119.20	+0.20	...
Income Tst	175.70	186.80†	+0.50	3.93
-do- Acc	249.00	264.80†	+0.80	3.93
Intl Growth	306.40	327.00	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	340.20	363.10	+0.80	...
Japan Gen	175.50	187.70	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	177.30	189.50	-2.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.16	93.85†	+0.07	0.93
-do- Acc	93.72	98.65†	+0.06	0.93
Monthly Income	149.50	159.00	+0.30	3.99
Recovery	289.70	309.70	+1.10	0.72
-do- Acc	339.20	362.70	+1.30	0.72
Gilt Gth Tst	59.54	61.40†	-0.08	7.03
-do- Acc	76.93	79.34†	-0.06	7.03

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	344.46	366.45†	+2.37	2.82
-do- Acc	704.07	749.01†	+4.83	2.82
Euro Gth Dist	103.81	110.44	+0.39	0.99
-do- Acc	106.92	113.74	+0.41	0.99
Fixed Int Dist	128.10	135.90	+0.04	6.56
-do- Acc	215.21	222.64	+0.08	6.56
Intl Gth Dist	75.69	80.52	+0.15	0.78
-do- Acc	78.29	83.29	+0.15	0.78
Nth Amer Dist	162.44	172.08	+1.50	0.60
-do- Acc	176.16	186.61	+1.63	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	244.95	260.59	+0.65	0.14
-do- Acc	248.83	264.71	+0.66	0.14
Stewardship Dist	297.58	316.57†	+0.42	1.78
-do- Acc	354.79	377.44†	+0.49	1.78
Stwd Inc Dist	62.62	66.62†	-0.02	3.41
-do- Acc	77.31	82.24†	-0.03	3.41
N Am Stwd Dist	95.35	101.44	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	100.87	107.31	+1.16	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	139.10	148.80†	-0.80	...
European	400.00	424.70	+2.40	1.00
Far East General	223.20	238.80	+0.60	0.30
Germany	94.66	100.20	-0.60	0.45
Global Assets In	66.51	70.90†	+0.20	2.28
Global Assets Ac	70.52	75.18	+0.22	2.22
Income Inc	118.50	126.80	+0.70	6.93
International	259.50	277.60	+1.00	1.00
Intl Income	77.71	82.62	+0.37	4.82
Japan General	363.10	385.70†	-3.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.74	49.99	+0.20	6.07
UK Capital Inc	162.10	173.40	+1.30	3.85
-do- Acc	277.30	296.60	+2.30	3.78
Uk Spec Sits	74.18	79.34	+1.34	1.60
US General	110.50	117.70†	+0.90	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	113.80	121.80	+0.40	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.56	46.59	+0.14	1.44
Cash Trust*	128.59	128.59†	+0.02	5.36
Pract Inv Inc	101.29	108.62	+0.32	4.00
-do- Acc	217.44	233.18	+0.68	4.00
UK Smaller Cos	102.01	109.39	-0.48	1.03
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.34	27.10†	+0.01	7.86
High Inc	30.77	32.91†	+0.07	5.07
UK Equity Inc	125.57	134.30	+0.04	3.98
Global Bond	29.12	30.17	+0.15	5.20
International Funds				
Gold Inc	80.90	86.76	+0.51	0.07
Frontier Markets	40.58	43.52†	+1.11	0.41
Global Inc Gth	117.35	125.14†	+0.83	2.20
UK Intl	110.57	118.26	+1.31	0.41
Overseas Funds				
American	125.60	133.79	+1.19	0.49
European	80.16	85.02	+0.27	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	93.38	99.54	+0.39	0.83
American Emerg	77.13	82.71	-0.44	...
Hong Kong	114.78	123.09	+1.09	1.87
Japan	219.36	233.31	-2.75	...
Pacific Growth	154.43	165.61	+1.31	0.42

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	125.20	133.90	+0.81	0.37
American Gth	119.42	127.22	+1.94	...
European Gth	65.37	69.90	+0.04	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	76.76	82.05	-0.67	...
Pacific Inc	140.59	150.37	-1.04	2.85
Pacific Strategy	122.24	130.74	+1.43	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.65	74.45	+0.04	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.64	50.18†	+0.37	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.37	47.45	+0.06	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.00	131.00†	...	5.08
Gilt Fixed	117.20	124.30	+0.10	6.29
Growth Equity	280.00	299.10†	+0.60	2.22
Guardhill	417.60	446.10	+1.00	2.26
Income Trust	107.80	115.10	+0.40	3.09
International	153.30	163.70	+0.60	0.37
Japan Trust	121.00	129.20	-1.40	...
Nth American	243.70	260.30†	+3.30	0.50
Pacific	370.10	395.40†	+5.70	...
European	335.30	358.20	-2.40	0.75

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1BW
0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.64	36.72	+0.10	1.78
-do- Acc	36.26	38.44	+0.10	1.78
Inc Adv Inc	29.10	30.85	...	4.25
-do- Acc	30.25	32.07	...	4.25

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	74.52	79.83	+0.33	0.96
Equity Income	109.90	116.90†	+0.70	3.52
European	129.20	136.30†	+0.70	1.16
Intl Situation	74.20	78.94	+0.31	...
Japanese	143.30	152.00	-1.10	...
North American	97.34	103.30†	-1.10	...
Scandinavian	114.80	121.30	+0.40	...
Smaller Cos	29.93	31.84	+0.04	2.01

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	85.64	91.53†	+0.66	...
Asian Enterprise	126.58	136.28	+1.42	0.90
Australian	132.27	141.39	-0.32	1.07
European	359.68	380.63†	+0.66	1.01
European Inc	68.82	72.83	+0.11	3.17
Euro Sml Co	120.64	128.58	+0.53	0.48
Extra Income	256.84	273.42	+0.85	4.75
Family of Funds	69.21	73.88	...	1.27
Fixed Interest	54.69	58.48	...	8.04
Global Resour	99.17	106.44	+0.23	0.69
High Inc	282.53	302.01†	+0.87	4.23
Income Gth	236.53	251.89	+0.65	3.56
-do- Acc	595.21	633.89	+1.63	3.56
International	224.57	239.07†	+0.12	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	232.43	247.23	-2.63	...
Japan	200.34	212.94	-2.03	...
N Amer	213.95	227.49	+1.81	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	183.80	197.48†	+0.68	0.40
Pref Gilt	44.82	48.69†	-0.03	8.63
Smaller Cos Div	161.92	176.48†	+0.33	4.11
Special Sits	252.59	270.26	+0.73	1.71
-do- Acc	389.21	416.44	+1.12	1.71
Best of British	54.72	58.64†	+0.11	2.36
Spirit of the East	59.63	63.71†	-0.13	0.30

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	85.77	91.73	+0.30	2.47
Capital	152.30	162.80	+0.40	2.01
Dollar	296.10	316.60	+3.50	0.07
European	192.40	205.70	+2.20	0.58
Far East	232.60	248.70	+1.40	0.50
Financial	677.80	724.90†	+0.80	2.47
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.12	26.09	...	8.18
High Yield	100.50	107.40	+0.40	4.76
Income	132.00	141.10	+0.50	3.74
Intl	207.50	221.90	+0.50	0.27
Japan Tech	68.94	73.73	-0.78	...
Nat Resources	58.09	62.12	+0.09	0.69
Security	291.01	311.20†	+0.90	2.16
Smaller Cos	109.10	116.60†	+0.70	1.50
Special Sits	134.60	143.90†	+0.40	1.97
US Smaller Cos	63.07	67.45	+1.09	...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	243.10	255.90	+1.20	1.40
Capital Gwth	98.94	104.10	+0.60	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	24.33	26.66	+0.04	1.55
Special Features	26.93	28.61	+0.14	1.63
-do- Acc	31.80	33.78	+0.16	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.15	55.79†	+0.11	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.65	74.00	+0.19	1.92
do Acc	81.85	86.96	+0.22	1.92
Managed Invest	85.41	91.23	+0.10	1.21
Expert Children	74.17	79.06†	+0.10	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.54	50.54	...	4.47
Extra Inc	77.52	82.95	+0.12	4.90
Gilt	27.40	28.86	-0.01	6.84
Income Gth	37.79	40.39†	-0.01	3.49
MIMsmr	74.21	75.99†	+0.03	8.08
Preference	17.48	19.10†	+0.01	6.27
UK Income	301.70	322.20	+1.30	2.98
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	55.16	58.60	+0.12	1.29
Property Shares	62.22	66.10	+0.93	1.79
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.00	148.20†	+0.40	3.78
European Acc	107.40	113.80	+0.50	1.84
European Dist	102.20	108.30	+0.40	1.84
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.41	50.40	+0.34	0.93
European Perf	106.40	113.00	+0.50	1.07
-do- Acc	108.40	115.10	+0.50	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.71	22.03	+0.02	0.76
French Growth	63.69	67.77	+0.18	0.54
-do- Acc	68.04	72.40	+0.19	0.54
Hong K/China	71.44	76.81	+0.93	1.62
Intl Growth	50.10	53.23	-0.24	0.66
-do- Acc	50.10	53.23	-0.24	0.66
Japan Perf	34.22	36.35	-0.53	...
Accum Units	34.22	36.35	-0.53	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.83	38.10	-0.47	...
Singapore Asean	78.96	85.47	+1.50	0.29
-do- Acc	79.45	86.00	+1.51	0.29
South East Asia	229.70	247.90	+4.00	0.96
US Smllr Cos	101.00	107.30	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	102.10	108.40	+0.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.54	88.01	+0.55	2.21
Intl Bond	56.13	56.89	+0.18	6.39

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.34	69.68†	-0.01	5.04
Extra Income	51.65	54.95	+0.09	6.66
Gilt Yield	116.00	123.30	-0.10	7.47
Global Income	195.90	208.40†	+0.60	4.20
High Yield	130.20	138.50†	-1.29	5.97
Smllr Cos Div	47.14	50.15†	+0.02	4.19
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.50	92.02	+0.53	...
North American	73.09	77.76	+0.95	0.41
European	127.20	135.30	+0.20	0.86
Euro Special	76.20	81.06	+0.09	0.95
General	257.50	273.90	-2.10	3.26
Japan	415.00	441.50†	-3.70	...
Japanese Special	230.00	244.70	-0.60	...
Master Acc	211.50	225.00	+0.70	1.37
Pacific	262.70	279.50†	-2.80	0.58
Smaller Cos	100.20	106.60	...	1.97
UK Equity Gth	34.41	36.61	+0.31	1.78

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	71.68	76.26	+0.31	0.93
Extra Income	23.68	25.19	+0.15	3.19
Far East	26.83	28.54	-0.21	0.95
Income Gwth	71.69	76.27	+0.45	2.78
Intl Growth	50.45	53.67	+0.34	0.71
Japan	63.99	67.97	-0.73	...
Maximum Dist*	99.51	101.50†	...	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.27	39.65†	+0.43	0.27
UK Equity	85.47	90.93†	+0.71	3.02

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	52.81	56.18	-0.08	4.45

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	418.80	445.50	+0.70	2.90
Equity Acc	794.90	845.60	+1.30	2.90
Equity Income	90.17	95.93	+0.22	5.15
European	92.77	98.69	+0.52	1.73
Far Eastern	180.40	191.90	+0.30	0.30
Fixed Interest	50.76	54.00	+0.02	6.46
Gilt	88.45	93.79†	+0.04	6.50
Global Growth	64.51	68.63†	+0.20	0.76
Intl Bond	55.22	58.75	+0.34	4.83
Japanese	68.80	73.19	-0.92	...
Overseas Equity	93.58	99.55	+0.42	0.79
Pacific Gth	85.42	90.87	+1.10	1.23

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JP
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	308.60	328.30†	+6.00	2.92
-do- Acc	677.80	721.10	+13.60	2.92
Contl Euro Gth	49.04	51.63	+0.11	1.59
-do- Acc	51.86	54.59	+0.11	1.59
Extra Inc	231.70	246.50	-2.40	3.80
-do- Acc	572.80	609.40	-5.90	3.80
German Gth	98.74	104.00	+0.10	0.31
-do- Acc	103.60	109.10	+0.10	0.31
Growth Port	484.40	515.10	+2.00	0.84
-do- Acc	484.10	515.10	+2.00	0.84
Income	442.30	470.60†	+3.00	3.56
-do- Acc	1135.0	1208.0	+8.00	3.56
Income Port	481.50	512.30†	+1.80	4.44
-do- Acc	486.10	517.20	+1.70	4.44
Japan Growth	94.13	100.20	-1.10	0.01
-do- Acc	94.46	100.50	-1.20	0.01
Master Trust	51.20	54.47	+0.28	1.70
-do- Acc	55.68	59.24	+0.30	1.70
N American Gen	177.10	188.50	+4.80	0.01
-do- Acc	204.60	217.70	+5.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	133.10	141.60	+1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	135.90	144.60	+2.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	200.50	213.30	+3.30	0.50
-do- Acc	211.90	225.50	+3.50	0.50
Small Cos Rec	298.80	314.60†	+0.60	2.30
-do- Acc	389.00	409.50	+0.60	2.30
UK Growth	77.22	82.15	+0.44	2.23
-do- Acc	90.04	95.79	+0.52	2.23
Worldwide Gth	269.70	287.00	+2.20	0.22
-do- Acc	397.50	422.90	+3.30	0.22

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	75.83	81.36†	+0.49	3.00
Income	59.65	64.00	+0.19	5.70
International	56.05	60.14	+0.32	0.80
American	57.87	62.09	-0.72	0.40
Japan	53.40	57.30	-0.59	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	54.69	58.68†	+0.25	2.00

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	373.00	393.80	+3.90	0.86
-do- Acc	460.20	485.90	+4.80	0.86
American Rec	404.60	424.70†	+4.20	0.23
-do- Acc	460.20	496.70	+4.90	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	114.80	121.40	+1.10	0.02
Australia Acc	150.60	159.20	-1.40	1.21
Capital	647.60	684.80	+2.70	2.58
-do- Acc	714.60	755.60	-3.00	2.58
Commodity Acc	421.00	445.20	+3.90	0.78
Compound Gth	801.70	847.70	+4.50	2.96
Dividend	34.30	36.30	+0.20	4.23
-do- Acc	135.90	143.80	+0.90	4.23
Equity Inc	281.70	308.50	+2.30	4.80
European Div	58.10	61.40	-0.10	4.41
-do- Acc	65.70	69.40	-0.10	4.41
European Gen	372.10	393.50	...	1.65
-do- Acc	464.80	491.60	...	1.65
Extra Yield	369.70	391.00	+1.70	4.36
-do- Acc	1081.0	1143.3	+4.80	4.36
Far Eastern	297.80	314.90	+1.20	0.57
-do- Acc	391.70	414.30	+1.60	0.57
Fund of Inv	485.40	513.30†	+1.40	2.28
-do- Acc	885.30	936.30	-2.50	2.28
General	52.60	55.60	+0.30	3.61
-do- Acc	138.70	146.60	+0.90	3.61
Gilt Fxd Int	60.10	60.10†	-0.10	7.99
do Acc	151.10	151.30	...	7.99
Gold	53.60	56.70	-0.10	0.90
-do- Acc	62.70	66.40	-0.10	0.90
High Inc	24.70	26.10	+0.10	4.59
-do- Acc	91.40	96.90	+0.40	4.59
Intl Growth	67.20	71.10	+0.20	0.92
-do- Acc	115.80	122.50	+0.20	0.92
Intl Inc	91.00	96.20†	+0.30	4.60
Japan Gen Acc	49.20	52.00	-0.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	146.60	155.10	-2.00	...
Midland	52.40	55.40†	+0.20	3.38
-do- Acc	167.60	177.30	+0.60	3.38
Recovery	35.60	37.90	+0.10	2.79
-do- Acc	56.30	59.70	+0.30	2.79
Second Gen	60.50	64.00	+0.40	3.52
-do- Acc	147.80	156.60	+1.10	3.52
Smaller Cos	58.40	61.80	+0.10	3.22
-do- Acc	110.70	117.20	+0.30	3.22
Trustee	38.30	40.50†	+0.20	3.83
Charibond 3	1108.44	...†	...	9.95
Charifund 2	610.80	623.10†	+2.60	5.23
Pension ex 1	828.00	848.70†	+3.90	4.29
NAACIF Inc 3	84.35	...†	...	8.03
-do- Acc 3	1073.9	...	-1.70	8.03

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	133.70	143.00	+0.21	2.04
-do- Acc	148.50	158.80	+0.21	2.04
UK Income	112.40	120.20	+0.33	2.65
-do- Acc	125.30	134.00	+0.33	2.65

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	77.81	83.21	+0.73	0.82
Far East (Pacific)	137.10	145.50	+0.30	0.65
Income Growth	69.79	74.08†	-0.45	3.14
European	65.22	69.23	-0.15	1.31
Nth American	55.17	58.56	+0.64	1.04
UK Growth	73.12	77.62	+0.23	1.66
Intl Growth	92.29	97.97†	+0.25	0.66
Charities	105.70	112.20†	+0.60	3.79
Intl Income	66.81	70.92	+0.24	4.25
Japan	52.86	56.11	-0.63	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	182.00	193.20	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	194.60	206.50	+2.50	...
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	5.53
-do- Acc	129.20	129.20†	+0.10	5.55
European Gth	186.20	197.70	+0.70	0.81
-do- Acc	199.30	211.50	+0.50	0.81
General	451.20	481.30†	+2.90	2.52
-do- Acc	858.10	915.40†	+5.30	2.52
Global Dist	129.40	138.00†	+0.10	5.37
-do- Acc	144.80	152.30†	+0.10	5.37
Income	133.50	141.50	+0.50	4.78
-do- Acc	197.10	210.30	+0.90	4.78
International	374.50	399.60	+2.10	0.70
-do- Acc	497.20	530.10	+2.80	0.70
Japan	179.10	195.00	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	183.90	198.00	-1.90	...
New Europe	134.00	143.00	+0.80	1.81
-do- Acc	136.20	145.30	+0.60	1.81
Recovery	287.10	306.30	+0.80	2.93
-do- Acc	363.00	387.30	+1.10	2.93
European Inc	72.34	77.00	+0.69	3.17
-do- Acc	91.77	97.68	+0.87	3.17
Brit Blue Chip	70.66	75.28†	+0.45	3.35
-do- Acc	83.33	88.79†	+0.54	3.35
Portfolio	72.25	76.88†	+0.32	2.05
-do- Acc	82.15	87.39†	+0.36	2.95
Gold General	112.90	121.50	-0.40	0.77
-do- Acc	114.40	123.10	-0.50	0.77
Pacific	91.55	97.66	+1.52	0.86
-do- Acc	96.75	103.20	+1.60	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	51.23	54.65†	-0.05	2.07
-do- Acc	57.17	60.99†	-0.05	2.07

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
197 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 520 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	56.00	59.89	+0.08	3.02
-do- Acc	56.86	60.81	+0.05	3.02
British Dist	75.73	80.99	+0.68	2.02
-do- Acc	85.72	91.68	+0.77	2.02
European Gth	163.40	174.60†	+1.00	0.32
-do- Acc	205.30	219.30	+1.20	0.32
Extra High Inc	67.47	72.16	+0.07	6.28
-do- Acc	118.70	126.90	+0.10	6.28
FT-SE 100 Index	47.88	51.21	+0.11	2.64
-do- Acc	47.88	51.21	+0.11	2.64
Gilt Fixed Int	55.32	57.59	-0.02	6.85
-do- Acc	145.50	151.50	...	6.85
High Yield	211.10	225.80†	+0.40	4.67
-do- Acc	495.70	530.20	+0.80	4.67
Income	273.90	292.90	+0.80	3.49
-do- Acc	569.30	608.90	+1.70	3.49
Japan Gth	330.80	353.80	-5.00	...
-do- Acc	349.20	373.50	-5.20	...
Mandarin Acc	96.34	103.00	+1.60	1.19
North American	159.30	170.40†	+1.60	0.53
-do- Acc	200.90	214.90	+2.10	0.53

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	255.80	270.30	+3.40	...
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00	...	5.77
Deposit Acc	122.30	122.30	+0.02	5.77
Euro Gth Acc	265.60	284.30	+0.20	...
Europa	120.40	129.20	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	165.60	177.00†	+0.70	...
Japan Tracker	73.68	77.95†	-0.90	...
UK Equity Inc	144.70	156.00†	+0.50	4.21
-do- Acc	177.30	191.10†	+0.60	4.21
UK Ind Tracker	140.90	150.90	+0.90	3.20
US Eq Ind Trkr	184.50	195.70	+2.60	1.49
-do- Acc	195.20	207.00	+2.70	1.49
Asian Trader	158.20	171.40†	+2.70	0.45

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	159.80	163.50	+1.50	2.39
European	58.70	59.91	+0.14	1.20
Olympiad	52.84	54.17	+0.17	0.28
Global Bond	46.19	46.70†	+0.20	6.69
Smaller Cos	63.38	66.23†	-0.01	1.32
Equity Income	91.10	93.57	+0.59	5.05
UK Growth	80.91	83.18†	+0.35	2.15

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387738

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.28	48.29	+0.72	0.99
Australian Acc	282.30	302.80	-3.00	...
Conscience	62.94	67.17	+0.02	1.06
-do- Acc	67.59	72.13	+0.03	1.06
European	160.70	171.30†	+0.30	1.13
-do- Acc	172.90	184.40	+0.40	1.13
Extra Income	70.93	75.69	-0.06	5.87
-do- Acc	107.60	114.80	-0.10	5.87
Far East Gth	162.90	174.10	+0.90	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.01	60.35	-0.03	6.43
Gold	42.94	46.17	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	46.24	49.72	-0.01	...
Income	51.17	54.58	-0.39	5.15
-do- Acc	153.40	163.60	-1.20	5.15
International	28.75	30.84	+0.10	1.07
-do- Acc	41.31	44.32	+0.16	1.07
Jap Sm Cos Acc	328.40	350.20	-3.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	178.90	191.80	-0.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.75	26.61	-0.40	2.07
Special Sits	31.69	34.07†	+0.10	1.79
-do- Acc	36.50	39.24	+0.11	1.79
Tokyo	82.09	87.56	-0.92	...
-do- Acc	82.92	88.44	-0.84	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	66.33	70.57	+0.01	2.82
N&P Gilt Fxd Inc	72.85	77.10	+0.05	7.21
N&P Higher Inc	191.70	204.00	+0.10	4.47
N&P UK Income	98.06	104.32†	+0.18	3.90
N&P Intl	84.91	90.33†	+0.09	1.80
N&P Smaller Cos	74.09	78.82	-0.38	1.55

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	158.52	168.64†	+0.13	2.33
Global	275.53	293.12†	+0.80	1.14
Growth	104.94	111.64†	+0.12	2.55
Income	194.96	207.41†	-0.14	4.40
Intl Bond	122.10	129.64†	+0.43	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	135.00	142.00†	+0.80	2.57
-do- Acc	239.40	252.00	+1.50	2.57
Income	213.80	227.40†	+1.30	3.63
Intl Equity	215.50	229.30	+0.70	0.91
-do- Acc	235.90	250.90	+0.70	0.91
Equity	214.80	228.40	+1.40	2.43
-do- Acc	435.30	463.10	+2.90	2.43
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.96	72.30	+0.40	1.94
UK Income	59.43	63.22	+0.31	3.15
UK Smllr Co Acc	72.03	76.63	+0.12	1.48
New Europe Acc	59.02	62.78	+0.06	1.52

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.95	98.35	+0.82	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	97.89	104.70	+0.37	1.20
Intl Gth	465.17	497.51	-1.81	0.79
Income	292.05	312.36†	-0.05	3.30
W wide Recov	296.50	317.12	-1.00	0.38
American Gth	195.47	209.06	+0.40	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	180.75	193.32	+0.19	0.07
Far East Gth	209.98	224.58	-3.07	0.05
European Gth	108.91	116.49	+0.32	1.31
UK Growth	74.50	79.75	-0.07	2.97
High Income	80.98	86.62	-0.15	4.58
Japanese Gth	210.80	223.96	-3.07	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	169.00	179.80†	-1.10	0.89
High Income	105.10	111.80†	-1.10	3.73
Conv Gilt	106.70	113.50†	-0.20	6.53
Far East	301.00	320.20	-1.70	0.39

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Seaxons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	47.75	50.80	+0.41	0.22
Emerging Mkts	59.88	63.70	+0.83	0.60
General	46.66	49.64	-0.59	3.24
International	80.79	85.95†	+0.21	1.40
Gilt Units	24.79	25.56†	-0.01	7.54
Global PEP	33.73	35.88†	+0.22	2.14
Income Gth	63.42	67.47†	+0.11	4.86
European	41.01	43.63	+0.32	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.56	27.19	...	5.75

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	30.56	32.68	+0.09	1.52
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.91	100.91†	-0.02	5.24
-do- Acc	105.02	105.02†	-0.01	5.24
Pru Equity	643.06	687.75†	+0.97	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	77.24	82.60†	-0.07	4.65
Pru European	166.92	178.52	+0.87	1.90
Pru Global Gth	77.34	82.71	-0.08	1.55
Pru High Inc	84.42	90.28†	-0.22	5.70
Pru Intl	157.27	168.30	+0.48	1.29
Pru Intl Sm Co	66.16	70.75†	+0.19	0.91
Pru Japanese	195.12	208.68†	-3.60	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.02	145.47	+1.88	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	75.07	80.28	+1.23	1.75
Pru Premr Inc	48.21	50.20†	+0.02	7.62
Pru Smllr Cos	80.96	86.58†	+0.09	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	96.47	103.17	+0.04	2.25
Pru UK Growth	107.70	115.18†	+0.10	2.35

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2931/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	150.73	162.30†	+1.22	3.62
NC Japan	263.95	282.93	-3.78	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.69	98.57	+0.71	2.51
NC America Inc	461.62	495.17	-5.38	0.77
-do- Acc	536.17	575.14	-6.24	0.77
NC Smlr UK Cos	257.09	280.56	-0.44	1.56
NC European	243.70	260.20	-0.25	1.44

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	69.89	74.35†	-0.19	3.79
Capital Units	140.90	149.80	+0.80	1.31
Commodity	103.20	109.70	+0.20	1.19
European Gth	146.70	156.00	-0.20	1.36
Financial Sec	164.80	175.30†	+0.50	1.92
High Return	210.60	224.00	+0.90	4.45
High Yield	201.50	214.30	-0.50	4.07
Income Units	106.80	113.60	+0.70	4.84
Investment	169.10	179.80†	-0.30	1.15
Japan Gth	150.40	160.00	-2.00	...
Japan Smaller	185.70	197.50†	-1.30	...
Masterfund	45.65	48.56	-0.08	0.93
Scotbits	242.40	257.80	+0.70	1.63
Scotshares	246.20	261.90†	-0.20	2.35
Scotyields	219.40	233.30	-1.50	3.97
Select Intl	126.40	134.40†	+0.90	0.74
Smaller Cos	225.00	239.30	+0.20	4.02
Special Situation	108.00	114.80	-0.50	0.84
UK Equity	220.90	235.00	-1.30	2.85
US Growth	132.90	141.30	+1.60	0.40

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	227.33	242.48†	+0.66	0.51
-do- Acc	246.27	262.68	+0.71	0.51
Australian	122.89	131.08	-2.04	0.82
-do- Acc	144.48	154.10	-2.40	0.82
UK Enterprise	203.79	217.37	-0.01	2.43
-do- Acc	235.41	251.11	...	2.43
European Gth	58.94	62.66	+0.06	1.40
-do- Acc	61.02	64.87	+0.07	1.40
Euro Smllr Cos	54.65	58.22	+0.02	0.39
-do- Acc	55.03	58.62	+0.02	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	69.48	74.11	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	70.61	75.30	+0.25	...
Fixed Interest	51.55	54.37	-0.04	6.88
-do- Acc	62.60	66.03	-0.04	6.88
Gilt Income	100.42	105.83	-0.04	7.58
-do- Acc	140.25	147.80	-0.07	7.58
Income	306.33	326.75	+0.49	4.03
-do- Acc	903.58	963.83	+1.46	4.03
Japan Enterprise	66.51	70.94†	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	66.51	70.94	-0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	460.70	491.41	-4.13	...
-do- Acc	461.62	492.39	-4.15	...
Pacific Gth	91.94	98.06	+1.01	0.20
-do- Acc	94.66	100.97	+1.04	0.20
Smaller Cos	187.28	199.76	+1.87	0.92
-do- Acc	214.63	228.93	+2.14	0.92
Tokyo	105.05	112.05	-1.16	...
-do- Acc	106.11	113.18	-1.17	...
UK Equity	203.92	217.51	+0.23	2.70
-do- Acc	377.63	402.80	+0.42	2.70
US Smllr Cos	128.35	136.90†	+0.18	...
-do- Acc	128.35	136.90	+0.18	...
World Fd	68.64	73.21	-0.01	1.61
-do- Acc	72.37	77.38	-0.02	1.61

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	44.97	47.87	+0.37	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.68	67.82	-0.20	0.93
European Opps	69.16	73.66	-0.87	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.85	101.40	+0.09	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.33	59.60	-0.13	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	340.30	363.70	+1.20	2.76
American	234.80	249.10	+3.00	0.94
Pacific	324.50	347.10	+0.40	0.66
European	437.10	467.50	-0.30	1.26
Worldwide	78.21	83.65	+0.38	1.16

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	298.60	317.70	+2.10	2.56
UK Sm Cos Eqty	204.40	217.70	+0.70	1.69
European	319.50	339.90†	-0.10	2.23
North American	240.50	255.90†	+3.20	0.52
Income Plus Inc	63.76	67.84	+0.48	3.70
UK Spec Sits	66.36	70.60	+0.21	2.22

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	25.16	26.93†	+0.19	2.81
Intl Growth Acc	28.41	30.41†	+0.13	1.19
Global Inc Acc	30.27	32.40	+0.19	3.83
Market Ldrs Acc	25.73	27.54	+0.17	2.76

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 418 4029

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	77.89	83.30	+0.31	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.10	46.98†	-0.03	...
-do- Acc	46.70	49.74	-0.03	...
Far East Opps	32.08	34.51	+0.51	...
-do- Acc	32.96	35.46	+0.52	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.82	104.80	+0.20	2.01
Global Tech	117.00	126.40†	+1.00	...
Income Growth	100.90	108.40	+0.30	3.45
Income Monthly	56.67	60.60	-0.07	4.25
Japan Growth	80.04	85.11	-0.96	...
Overseas Gth	73.05	77.75†	+0.08	...
Smaller Cos	71.77	77.17†	-0.16	1.59
Special Opps	101.60	109.20	...	2.12
Wld Spec Sits	46.86	50.54	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	46.97	50.66	-0.07	...

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	194.71	...	+0.10	...
Global Bond	194.06	...	-0.21	7.30
Japan Samurai	194.94	...	-1.11	...
UK Growth	194.65	...	-0.04	4.18

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	43.21	45.92	+0.10	1.74
Equity Gth Acc	58.08	61.72	+0.20	1.51
UK Eq General	41.09	43.66	+0.20	2.21
-do- Acc	54.32	57.72	+0.20	2.21
European Acc	39.89	42.39	-0.30	1.14
Far East Acc	54.42	57.83	...	0.20
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.53	31.23†	...	6.84
N American Acc	41.17	43.75	+0.20	0.84
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	268.70	291.60	+0.40	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	34.40	36.55†	+0.10	3.84
-do- Acc	40.85	43.41	+0.10	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Inc	282.30	306.20	+0.90	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	367.50	398.80	+1.20	3.85

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N253.60	N283.82	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.087	$2.216	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y248.9	Y264.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y249.1	Y264.6	...	...
FT Europe	109.80	116.60	...	2.17
FT North Am	$1.700	$1.802	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y239.4	Y254.3	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.868	$1.984	...	1.71

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	326.00	347.10	+3.10	0.32
British	916.90	970.10	+3.80	4.36
European	387.00	412.20	+0.40	1.43
Japan	142.70	151.70	-1.00	...
New Pacific	292.10	311.10	+2.10	1.28
Mngd Cash	95.82	95.82	...	5.08
Majority Stig	100.00	101.00	+0.01	4.87
Inv Tst	182.60	193.60	+0.50	1.84
Saints PPP	366.90	382.60	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	716.40	766.20	+1.40	2.71
N America Acc	110.30	118.00	+1.50	0.07
Far East Acc	121.30	129.70	+0.50	...
W wide Bond	59.67	63.34†	+0.34	5.43
European	81.57	87.24	+1.10	0.85
Equity Income	80.80	86.42	-0.27	3.30

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.23	35.55	+0.63	0.58
Managed Assets	116.72	124.84	+0.63	3.32
UK Income	36.24	38.77	+0.28	3.14
UK Growth	35.87	38.37	+0.28	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.17	32.27†	-0.18	0.39

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	195.67	208.16	-0.02	0.14
-do- Acc	214.91	228.63	+1.02	0.14
British Gth	84.27	89.65	+0.39	1.85
-do- Acc	99.15	105.48	+0.46	1.85
European	92.87	98.80	+0.60	0.97
-do- Acc	97.96	104.21	+0.62	0.97
Extra Inc	183.22	194.97	+0.55	3.89
-do- Acc	292.36	311.02	+0.87	3.89
General Unit	256.05	272.39	-1.05	2.50
-do- Acc	505.34	537.49	+2.08	2.50
Income	318.99	339.35	-0.63	3.50
-do- Acc	849.72	891.19	+1.27	3.50
International	470.23	500.25†	+2.79	0.54
-do- Acc	615.54	654.83†	+3.65	0.54
Pacific	330.76	351.87	-3.16	...
-do- Acc	346.40	368.52	-3.31	...
Premier Income	49.87	51.95†	+0.02	6.31
-do- Acc	103.97	108.30†	+0.04	6.31
Nat Resources	115.84	123.23†	-1.45	0.31
-do- Acc	127.05	135.16†	-1.59	0.31
Selected Opps	94.21	100.22	+0.43	1.24
-do- Acc	118.01	125.54	+0.53	1.24

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	73.43	78.32	-1.95	...
-do- Acc	75.74	80.78	-2.01	...
Cash	50.49	50.49	...	6.24
-do- Acc	61.60	61.60	...	6.24
European Opps	58.85	62.67	-0.04	0.47
-do- Acc	59.46	63.32	-0.04	0.47
Far East Opps	149.30	159.25	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	152.77	162.95	-0.36	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	82.79	88.30†	-1.16	...
-do- Acc	82.79	88.30†	-1.16	...
Little Dragons	69.43	74.05†	-0.65	0.67
-do- Acc	71.61	76.38†	+0.67	0.67
Oriental Income	42.84	45.69	-0.02	3.48
-do- Acc	54.62	58.26	-0.02	3.48
Tiger	212.74	226.92†	+2.56	1.16
-do- Acc	224.09	239.02†	+2.67	1.16
UK Small Cos	73.02	78.09	+0.01	2.04
-do- Acc	85.20	91.12	+0.03	2.04

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasn Gold	17.30	18.40	+0.28	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.92	32.89	+0.17	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.70	37.97	+0.32	...
Global Bond	$0.965	$1.005	-0.003	7.30
Penny Share	24.18	25.72	...	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Gty Reserve	52.69	52.69	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.09	67.74	+0.15	...
Gilt Income	51.30	53.40	+0.09	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	105.90	107.30	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.724	-0.000	...
Challenger	89.81	91.89	+0.77	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	66.50	70.74	-0.12	2.09

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	16,000	Carlton C	1,000	Land Secs	2,900	Scot Hydro	461
Abbey Natl	3,000	Coats Vyla	4,500	Legal & Gn	1,600	Scot & New	503
Alld-Lyons	4,900	Cm Union	426	Lloyds Bk	4,100	Scot Power	1,600
Anglian W	1,200	Courtaulds	840	MB Cardn	1,200	Sears	6,700
Argyll Gp	6,500	De La Rue	179	Marks Spr	12,000	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wig	1,700	Eng China	1,400	NFC	2,300	Shell Trans	1,100
AB Foods	271	Enterpr Oil	817	NatWst Bk	2,200	Siebe	360
BAA	325	Fisons	4,600	Nat Power	2,600	SmKl Bch	2,300
BAT Inds	4,500	Forte	2,200	Nth Wst W	1,600	Smith Nph	8,000
BOC	2,000	GRE	1,400	Nthrn Fds	3,100	Sthrn Elec	1,100
BP	4,400	GUS A	591	P & O	1,200	Std Chartd	594
BT	7,300	Gen Acc	336	Pearson	546	Sun Allnce	815
BTR	2,400	Gen Elec	11,000	PowerGen	3,400	TI Gp	1,100
Bk of Scot	677	Glaxo	3,900	Prudential	4,500	TSB	647
Barclays	4,900	Granada	1,800	RTZ	1,200	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Bass	624	Grand Met	3,600	Rank Org	1,400	Tesco	6,000
Blue Circle	1,700	Guinness	3,000	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thames W	1,400
Boots	2,700	HSBC	807	Redland	2,800	Thrn EMI	837
Bowater	2,900	Hanson	10,000	Reed Intl	695	Tomkins	4,600
Brit Airwys	3,300	ICI	1,800	Rentokil	1,700	Unilever	4,600
Brit Gas	3,800	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	782	Utd Bisc	2,900
Brit Steel	6,600	Kingfisher	1,000	Rothmans	644	Vodafone	2,100
Burmah C	865	Kwik Save	319	Ryl Ins	839	Wellcome	1,600
Cable Wire	2,900	LASMO	4,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700	Whitbd 'A'	3,300
Cadbury	1,200	Ladbroke	10,000	Sainsbury	1,100	Wlms Hld	1,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3438.85 (-11.08)
S&P Composite .... 440.42 (+0.05)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20229.39 (-336.12)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7149.30 (+25.18)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 106.3 (-0.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1677.9 (-9.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1628.48 (+0.60)

FT 30 share: .... 2216.7 (-8.4)

Brussels:
General .... 6109.03 (-5.56)

Paris: CAC .... 505.51 (-2.29)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 493.5 (+2.0)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1403.74 (-3.32)
FT 500 .... 1529.06 (-5.48)
FT Gold Mines .... 165.6 (-3.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.93 (+0.06)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.56 (-0.07)
Bargains 28598
SEAQ Volume 633.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 136.76 (+0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 18/5/93: Aerospace Eng, BET, Cluff Res, Era Group, Enterprise Comp, Greenwich Res, Hadleigh, Hanson Wts, Hartstone, Kunick, Marshalls, Monarch Res, Micro Focus, Simon Eng, Telemetrix, Tibbett Britten.
Puts: Micro Focus, Tibbett Britten. Put & Call: Caldwell.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2868.0	2879.0	2848.0	2857.0	8739
Previous open interest: 49840	Sep 93	2893.5	2895.0	2873.5	2880.5	560
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.89	93.95	93.88	93.94	8622
Previous open interest: 304953	Sep 93	93.87	93.99	93.85	93.94	20603
	Dec 93	93.81	93.87	93.78	93.86	4723
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.71	96.73	96.70	96.71	1363
Previous open interest: 17512	Sep 93	96.55	96.56	96.55	96.55	595
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.87	92.89	92.83	92.88	19556
Previous open interest: 560682	Sep 93	93.68	93.68	93.61	93.65	37755
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-09	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-02	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	103-22	103-30	103-11	103-26	33948
Previous open interest: 78035	Sep 93	102-22	102-22	102-16	102-27	321
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.10	107.11	106.88	106.96	492
	Sep 93	106.15	106.18	105.90	106.02	2702
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.74	94.80	94.26	94.43	111690
Previous open interest: 165555	Sep 93	95.00	95.02	94.49	94.65	5655
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.37	92.39	92.34	92.39	1249
Previous open interest: 23558	Sep 93	93.04	93.08	93.04	93.07	811
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.01	95.02	94.93	94.99	5542
Previous open interest: 38226	Sep 93	95.43	95.44	95.34	95.38	5764
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	98.85	99.65	98.82	99.37	27582
Previous open interest: 40530	Sep 93	98.60	99.29	98.60	99.16	1877

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.2 (day's range 80.0-80.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7813-2.7904	2.7868-2.7904	⅛-⅜ds	½-¾ds
Brussels	50.95-51.11	51.03-51.11	2-7ds	11-16ds
Copenhagen	9.5070-9.5560	9.5330-9.5560	1½-4¼ds	4-6⅞ds
Dublin	1.0170-1.0199	1.0176-1.0197	11-17ds	34-44ds
Frankfurt	2.4795-2.4868	2.4829-2.4863	¼-⅜ds	⅝-⅞ds
Lisbon	235.30-238.60	235.70-237.50	179-198ds	460-478ds
Madrid	188.77-189.30	188.77-189.13	86-112ds	252-295ds
Milan	2264.40-2273.70	2265.80-2272.00	8-10ds	24-27ds
Montreal	1.9443-1.9511	1.9480-1.9501	0.31-0.15pr	0.45-0.27pr
New York	1.5270-1.5320	1.5310-5.5320	0.42-0.40pr	1.14-1.11pr
Oslo	10.4960-10.5460	10.5220-10.5460	½-2¼ds	2⅛-4ds
Paris	8.3380-8.3840	8.3700-8.3840	1-1½ds	2⅝-3¼ds
Stockholm	11.2290-11.2720	11.2480-11.2720	1½-3¼ds	5½-7¼ds
Tokyo	170.46-170.92	170.70-170.90	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.42-17.48	17.45-17.48	1-2ds	2⅞-4⅞ds
Zurich	2.2548-2.2652	2.2620-2.2652	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5271-1.5297
Australia dollar	2.2100-2.2131
Bahrain dinar	0.571-0.583
Brazil cruzeiro *	57125.3-57127.1
Cyprus pound	0.73-0.74
Finland marka	8.4645-8.5805
Greece drachma	331.75-338.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8107-11.8200
India rupee	47.51-48.47
Kuwait dinar KD	0.456-0.466
Malaysia ringgit	3.9257-3.9299
Mexico peso	4.72-4.82
New Zealand dollar	2.8507-2.8580
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.677-5.803
Singapore dollar	2.4687-2.4720
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1657-7.2011
S Africa rand (com)	4.8692-4.8748
U A E dirham	5.5605-5.6845

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4463-1.4473
Austria	11.41-11.42
Belgium (Com)	33.37-33.39
Canada	1.2720-1.2725
Denmark	6.233-6.243
France	5.477-5.482
Germany	1.624-1.625
Hong Kong	7.728-7.729
Ireland	1.5025-1.5045
Italy	1482.0-1485.0
Japan	111.67-111.72
Malaysia	2.5692-2.5702
Netherlands	1.8215-1.8225
Norway	6.877-6.887
Portugal	154.0-155.0
Singapore	1.6157-1.6167
Spain	123.65-123.80
Sweden	7.354-7.364
Switzerland	1.4778-1.4788

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5 9/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 11/32; 3 mth 5 11/32. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 13/32-5 11/32	5 13/32-5 11/32	5 13/32-5 11/32	5 13/32-5¼	-
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6 1/16-6 1/16	6½-6¼
Overnight: open 6¼, close 5½.		6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6 3/16-6 1/16	6⅝-6½
Local Authority Deps:	5 15/16	n/a	6 1/16	6¼	6½
Sterling CDs:	5 31/32-5 29/32	5 31/32-5 29/32	5 31/32-5 29/32	6-5 31/32	6⅜-6 3/16
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.17-3.14	3.27-3.24	3.56-3.53
Building Society CDs:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 3/16-6 1/16	6½-6¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.36%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/16-2 15/16	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅜-7¼	7 7/16-7 5/16	7 5/16-7 3/16	7-6⅞	7⅜-7⅛
French Franc:	8¼-8	7⅞-7¾	7⅝-7½	7⅛-7	8¼-7¾
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	4 15/16-4 13/16	4 11/16-4 9/16	5¼-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $365.90-366.40 Close: $371.60-372.10 High: $371.60-372.10
Low: $364.35-364.85 Krugerrand: $371.00-373.00 (£241.75-243.50)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-88.00 (£54.00-56.00) New $86.00-88.00 (£54.00-56.00)
Platinum: $382.25 (£250.35) Silver: $4.53 (£2.96) Palladium: $120.10 (£78.65)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	50	60	68	8½	16	24
(*542½)	550	17	33	42	32	40	47
Argyll	300	20	27	32	14	18	24
(*307)	330	7	14	17	34	37	39
ASDA	57	11	14	-	3	4	-
(*65½)	67	6	8½	-	6	8½	-
Boots	420	43	56	60	7	14	19
(*443½)	460	18	33	37	25	31	37
Br Airways	280	27	36	44	7	12	17
(*296½)	300	16	27	32	15	19	26
BP	300	23	34	40	3	13	17½
(*315)	330	11½	19	25	22	28	35
Br Steel	90	12	16	18	4	7	9
(*95)	100	6	11	14	9	12	14
C & W	700	38	57	67	25	34	43
(*718½)	750	16	34	44	57	63	69
CU	550	29	34	-	22	34	-
(*577½)	600	9	17	-	52	67	-
Courtauld	500	45	56	64	11	18	25
(*537)	550	15	29	36	36	43	48
ICI	1250	67	87	111	44	71	84
(*1259½)	1300	42	62	87	70	100	111
Kingfishr	594	39	53	-	16	27	-
(*614½)	632	16	30	-	43	55	-
Land Sec	500	62	62	65	4½	9	13
(*558½)	550	14	27	35	22	28	34
M & S	330	23	32	35	9	14	17
(*345½)	360	8	17	23	26	30	33
Nat West	460	31	42	52	14	25	30
(*471½)	500	14	25	36	36	48	53
Sainsbury	420	43	53	60	8	14	18
(*455½)	460	17	30	38	26	31	36
Shell	600	29	39	47	14	26	29
(*610)	650	8	16	24	46	56	59
Smkl Bch	460	35	52	62	18	30	36
(*478)	500	18	32	45	38	50	56
Storehse	200	19	25	31	9	14	20
(*204½)	220	9	17	23	21	25	30
Trafalgar	92	12	17	-	5	8	-
(*96½)	101	7	11	-	9½	12	-
Unilever	1050	31	57	74	35	46	55
(*1035½)	1100	14	35	51	69	77	85
Series		Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	32	40	46	11	18	26
(*404½)	420	15	25	34	26	33	42
Ladbroke	160	30	36	42	4	9	13
(*184)	180	15½	23	29	10½	22	25
Utd Bsc	420	24	33	41	25	33	40
(*412)	460	14	19	26	55	55	65

May 18, 1993 Tot: 29395 Call: 17478 Put: 11917 FT-SE Call: 4042 Put: 3121
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	52	60	74	1	13	20
(*747½)	750	6	28	46	5	34	42
BAT Ind	850	12	48	63	6	34	56
(*848½)	900	1	26	42	45	63	87
BTR	550	32	45	53	1	8½	18
(*581)	600	1	16	27	22	32	43
Br Aero	300	24	38	52	1½	20	30
(*322)	330	3	28	38	17	37	48
Br Telcm	390	29	38	45	1	6	14
(*417½)	420	2½	19	25	5	17	27
Cadbury	420	28	40	50	1	8½	16
(*446½)	460	1½	17	28	15	27	35
Guinness	460	17	36	48	1	16	25
(*475)	500	1	17	28	28	35	46
GEC	300	22	27	31	1	7½	11
(*319)	330	1	9	15	12	23	27
Hanson	240	4	11	17	2½	10	15½
(*238½)	260	1	5	9½	20	24½	28
LASMO	140	16	26	30	1	7½	11
(*154½)	160	2	15	21	7	17	22
Lucas	130	8	17	22	1	8	15
(*137)	140	1½	12	19½	4½	13	21
Pilkington	120	9½	15	20	1	5½	9½
(*129)	130	2	9½	14	2	10½	15
Prudential	300	17	27	33	1	7	13
(*315½)	330	1	12	18	16	22	29
Redland	500	38	50	60	19	32	38
(*510½)	550	15	27	37	49	61	67
Royal Ins	300	22	29	35	12	18	23
(*304½)	330	8½	16	22	30	35	39
Tesco	200	20	26	32	1	5	10
(*214½)	220	2	14	21	4	13	19
Thames W	460	40	44	48	1	9½	17
(*497)	500	3	15	25	5	29	36
Vodafone	390	29	40	55	1	11	20
(*416½)	420	2	24	37	5	24	32
Williams	300	40	46	51	5	12	15
(*330)	330	20	27	34	15	24	27

FT-SE INDEX (*2847)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	154	104	49	12	2	1½
Jun	163	120	76	44	23	11
Jul	180	140	103	73	50	27
Aug	205	165	129	96	72	51
Dec	259	-	196	-	138	-
Puts						
May	1½	2	3½	15	58	108
Jun	9	13	24	47	76	112
Jul	19	25	42	60	92	124
Aug	36	47	63	83	111	140
Dec	69	-	103	-	154	-

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	28	38	47	4½	13	19
(*410)	420	10	21	32	16	27	34
Amstrad	30	4½	6½	7½	2	3½	4½
(*33½)	35	1½	4	5½	4½	6	7
Barclays	420	31	42	53	5	17	23
(*445½)	460	7	21	32	24	36	42
Blue Circ	240	21	31	35	3	11	17
(*254)	260	9	20	26	12	22	29
Br Gas	250	17	26	30	3	8	14
(*262)	300	5½	14	19	12	17	25
	330	1½	5	9	39	40	45
Dixons	200	20	27	35	4	13	17
(*213)	220	8	17	25	14	24	28
Forte	180	19	25	32	4	8	14
(*192)	200	7	14	22	11	17	24
Glaxo	600	64	57	97	7½	23	40
(*652)	650	27	58	68	24	44	65
	700	9	35	50	57	72	95
HSBC	600	34	59	76	15	34	47
(*614)	650	13	38	53	44	61	73
Hillsdwn	140	15	22	26	3	7½	11½
(*151)	160	4½	11½	16	13	17½	22½
Lonrho	110	10	16	20	4½	10½	13
(*114½)	120	5½	11	16	9½	17	19
Reuter	1250	53	91	130	25	52	70
(*1262½)	1300	27	67	100	49	79	95
R-Royce	140	10½	18	22	5	10½	14½
(*146)	160	3½	9½	13½	17	21	25
Sears	100	6	10½	14	4	5	9
(*102)	110	2	5½	8½	10½	13	15
Tarmac	130	14	20	23	3½	9	13
(*136)	140	6½	13	17	8	14	19
Thrn Emi	800	49	64	76	6½	29	37
(*833½)	850	18	33	50	26	57	65
Tomkins	220	14	19	26	4½	11½	14
(*227)	240	4	9½	16	16	24	27
TSB	180	9	17	21	5	12	15
(*184)	200	3	7½	12	18	25	25
Wellcome	750	34	68	87	27½	49	69
(*748½)	800	15	47	63	59	76	93
Series		Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	18	26	30	11	17½	19
(*165)	180	9½	18	21	24	29	33
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	420	33	42	47	1	11½	18
(*451½)	460	2½	18	24	11	31	38
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	300	34	42	50	2	6	10
(*332½)	330	11	22	31	9	16	20
Scot Pwr	290	23	28	31	2	9	11
(*311)	310	9	14	19	7	19	21

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Commission house and fund buying helped coffee post impressive gains. The news that US coffee stocks had fallen by over half a million bags in April contributed to the bullish environment. Some speculators are viewing this as a sign that consumer stocks are at last on the decline, however it should be remembered that Brazil's current harvest is expected to be 5 million bags up on the 1992/93 crop.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	649-646	Jul	757-755
Jul	669-668	Sep	772-770
Sep	685-683	Dec	795-792
Dec	706-705	Mar	815-815
Mar	728-726		
May	742-740		Volume: 2603

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	900-897	Jan	930-926
Jul	919-918	Mar	940-933
Sep	916-915	May	942-935
Nov	922 BID		Volume: 4728

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot. unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	299.5-98.0
Spot: 304.0		May	302.0-00.6
Aug	305.5-04.5	Aug	304.4-03.1
Oct	301.5-00.5	Oct	300.3-94.1
Dec	301.5-00.0		Volume: 145

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.79	134.95	141.12
(+/-)	+2.01	-0.24	+1.56
Eng/Wales:	89.69	134.71	139.14
(+/-)	+2.03	+0.23	-1.32
(%)	+14.9	-3.5	-26.2
Scotland:	96.39	141.84	145.87
(+/-)	+2.84	+0.26	-1.55
(%)	-3.4	-2.6	-16.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	unq	unq	Aug	unq	unq
Jun	unq	unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	142.00
Jun	140.75
Sep	108.05
Nov	109.85
Jan	112.85
	Volume: 126

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	135.50
Sep	106.40
Nov	109.40
Jan	111.75
Mar	113.60
	Volume: 40

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	144.50
Aug	143.00
Oct	145.50
Dec	148.30
Feb	unq
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	55.0
Apr	95.1	94.8
May	unq	102.0
		Volume: 21

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Jun 57.75-58.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Ahead of last night's inventory figures, crude levels stagnated.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.15	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.25	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.45	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.75	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	212 (n/c)	213 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	174 (+3)	175 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	173 (+2)	174 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	173 (+1)	174 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (n/c)	72 (n/c)
Naphtha	181 (-2)	183 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jun	172.25-72.50	Sep	175.25-75.75
Jul	171.50-71.75	Oct	178.25-78.75
Aug	173.25-73.50	Nov	180.00-81.00
			Vol: 12816

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.36-18.37	Oct	18.70-18.72
Aug	18.50-18.51	Nov	18.70 BID
Sep	18.63-18.65		Vol: 18188

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	199.00-200.5	Sep	unq
Jul	198.5-202.5	Oct	unq
Aug	196.5-204.5		Vol: 440

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 93	1630	1630	1629
Jun 93	1547	1540	1545
Jul 93	1385	1379	1380
Oct 93	1450	1438	1442

Vol: 388 lots Open int'st: 3114 Index 1603 +6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1149.0-1149.5	1169.0-1169.5	2040975
Lead (£/tonne)	258.00-258.25	266.00-268.50	161000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	964.50-965.00	984.00-985.00	810825
Tin ($/tonne)	5500.0-5505.0	5560.0-5570.0	10855
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1121.5-1122.0	1144.5-1145.0	1530775
Nickel ($/tonne)	5615.0-5625.0	5685.0-5690.0	109374

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Prices slip towards close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 10. Dealings end May 21. §Contango day May 24. Settlement day June 1. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	MEPC	Property	
2	Gr Portland	Property	
3	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
4	Bilton	Property	
5	Vickers	Industrial	
6	Mitie Gp	Business Serv	
7	Nichols (JN)	Foods	
8	SA Breweries	Breweries	
9	Kingfisher	Drapery,Stss	
10	Abbey	Building,Rds	
11	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
12	Dart	Business Serv	
13	Elandsrand	Mining	
14	Electrocomponts	Electrical	
15	Laser-Scan	Electrical	
16	Inchcape	Business Serv	
17	Securicor	Industrial	
18	Acatos & Hutch	Foods	
19	BICC	Electrical	
20	Wolseley	Industrial	
21	Heath C E	Insurance	
22	Wescol	Building,Rds	
23	Br Land	Property	
24	Boddington	Breweries	
25	Blockleys	Building,Rds	
26	Telegraph	Newspapr,Pub	
27	Stand Chart	Banks,Disc	
28	Sema Gp	Electrical	
29	Fyffes	Foods	
30	Gowrings	Motors,Air	
31	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Disc	
32	BET Ord	Business Serv	
33	Barclays	Banks,Disc	
34	Security Serv	Industrial	
35	Farnell Elect	Electrical	
36	Oriel	Insurance	
37	Jardine Strat	Fin Trusts	
38	NMC Group	Paper,Print	
39	Hammerson	Property	
40	Westland	Motors,Air	
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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
385	272	Meyer Int	380	...	...	3.3	40.8
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4 #	...	...	...	
129	62	Mowlem (J)	129	+1	4.0	3.9	...
78	51	NSM	57	...	...		
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	158	...	...	6.3	21.1
295	197	Persimmon	295	-2	8.6	3.6	30.1
26	22	Phoenix Timber	24	+1	...		
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	43
138	80	Prowting	138	+1	3.4	3.1	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti▲	5½	...			
720	595	RMC Gp	717	-2	...	3.5	28.2
117	90	Raine Ind	99	...	6.0	7.6	16.5
36	20	Ransom▲	20	...			
519	402	Redland	511	-7	25.0	6.1	29.7
75	64	Roskil	70	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
280	207	Rugby Group	273	-2	6.4	3.0	20.9
42	23	Smith-Rvea	42	...			
111	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	4.0	4.5	∞
179	110	Sheffield Insl	179	+3	...	4.4	28.9
96	82	Sherill Hldgs▲	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorco▲	74	...	...	8.8	16.8
228	205	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	4.8	10.0
6½	4½	Starmin	5	...	0.3	7.5	6.0
142	103	Tarmac	130†	-3	5.5	3.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
116	63	Taylor Woodrw	114	+3	1.0	1.1	...
590	433	Tilbury Dough	550	...	33.0	7.8	∞
25	19	Torex Hire▲	24	...			
221	168	Travis Perkins	212†	...	8.0	4.7	∞
38	30	Try Group	37	-½	1.0	3.4	10.5
28	26	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	58	...	3.6	7.8	10.7
65	20	Ward Hldgs	56	...			
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...			
475	360	Watts Blake	430†	-5	10.7	3.2	18.1
22	8	Wescol▲	22	+4	...		
152	93	Westbury	142	...	...	4.3	...
12	4½	West Scaffoldg▲	9½	...			
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...			
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451	...	8.7	2.4	30.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	187†	...	3.9	2.6	32.4
184	102	Wimpey G	181½	+½	5.2	3.6	∞
47	25	YRM	46	...	4.0	...	5.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	570	...	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	64†	-2	...	6.8	7.0
50	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	164	...	5.3	4.0	∞
108	84	BET Ord	107	+6	...	7.6	15.7
95	47	BNB Res	98	...	4.9	6.6	...
318	258	BPP	289	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	235	Barbour Index	235	...	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Boustead	20†	-1	0.7	4.4	∞
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	235	...	...	2.1	19.6
15	11	Broadcastle▲	15	...	...	...	12.0
73	54	Brooks Service	71	...			
104	86	CRT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	173	...	...	1.5	9.0
42	31	Cartel Plc	40½	-½	0.5	1.5	15.4
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	-½	...		
51	26	Chrisde	43	...			
285	228	Chubb Sec	283	+1	...	1.2	31.3
50	18	Comtec▲	43†	-1	...	4.4	10.7
18½	6½	Corp Services	17½	-½	...		
95	50	Dart	92	+7	3.3	4.5	10.4
231	198	Davis Service	215†	...	...	4.3	∞
104	85	EW Facts▲	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
28	11	Gardiner	25½	...	0.6	3.2	17.7
44	20	Gardner (DC)	37	-1	...		
246	225½	Hays	228	+1	4.6	2.5	22.5
220	175	Hogg Robinson	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	54	Holmes Protectn	54	-1	...	...	3.5
174	127	Hutch Whamp	168	...	...	2.8	∞
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£104½	-25	...	1.0	14.7
697	532	Inchcape	572	+6	...	3.0	19.1
863	669	Johnson Clean	826	...	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2½	Lep	8	-½	...		
264	173	Mitie Gp	215	+5	2.7	1.6	17.7
1187	893	Manpower	996	-13	...		
46	40½	Michael Page	46	+½	1.8	4.9	19.5
229	217	Pennant▲	260	-5	...	1.0	65.9
4½	2	Prime People▲	3	+½	...		
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	94†	...	12.0	16.0	∞
423	324	RCO	374	...	12.8	4.6	12.8
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.5	...
90	43	Reed Executive	86	-1	...		
156	113	Reliance Sec▲	121	+6	...	4.6	12.2
238	191	Rentokil	193	-4	2.3	1.5	24.1
276	240	Rolfe & Nolan	260	...	6.2	3.0	17.5
399	343	Salvesen (C)	376	...	7.0	2.3	20.8
35	29	Scot Pickford▲	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
289	164	Securiguard	289	+104	9.4	4.1	15.3
6	5	Select Appt▲	5½	...			
988	695	Serco Gp	968	...	14.0	1.8	28.8
352	252	Sherwd Cmpt▲	275†	-5	...	3.2	∞
130	91	Sketchley	94	...	3.0	4.1	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	320	...	6.5	2.5	∞
45	27	Walpac	30	...	0.6	2.5	...
36	14	Wills Gp	22	-1	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	222	Allied Colloids	222	-1	3.9	2.2	17.6
759	613	Amersham	664	-4	12.5	2.4	24.6
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	6325	BASF DM	4000	-49½	...	7.7	...
285	221	BTP	283	-2	9.3	4.6	20.7
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£104½	+9½	...	5.5	...
178	134	Blagden	176	-2	9.5	6.7	19.0
165	129	Brent Chems	129	...	7.4	7.2	∞
530	400	Br Bio-Tech	400	-5	...		
29	18	Caird Gp	25½	-1	1.3	6.5	∞
153	126	Canning (W)	138	...	7.2	6.6	15.8
608	533½	Courtaulds	537	+8	13.0	3.0	14.6
281	228	Croda	271	-1	...	3.6	17.7
146	121	Doeflex	137	...	4.6	4.2	10.5
202	175	Ellis & Everard	200	+2	7.0	4.4	18.2
28	15½	Euro Colour	25	+½	0.6	3.3	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
237	194	Hickson	236	...	8.0	4.2	∞
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9712½	-87½	...	3.9	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	215	...	...	2.2	19.8
1309	1048	ICI	1260	+2	55.0	5.5	31.3
688	581	Laporte	617	-7	19.5	4.0	17.0
223	181	Leigh	154	...	7.8	5.3	15.0
9	6	MTM	8½	-½	...		
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1700	...	...	1.7	...
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	265	...	6.0	2.8	17.9
210	173	Porvair	210	...	3.6	2.1	22.5
13	7½	Suncliffe Speak	11½	+1½	...		
475	425	Wardle Storeys	435	...	16.0	4.6	17.5
490	395	Wambine E	480	...	17.0	4.7	15.4
401	368	Yorks Chem	399	...	...	2.4	21.4
306	240	Yule Catto	290	+1	5.9	2.5	17.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Alexon	78	-4	3.0	4.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	82	+2	3.1	4.8	22.2
319	257	Argos Plc	305	+2	...	2.9	21.0
111	69	Ashley (Laura)	110	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	233†	...	6.0	2.7	∞
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	139†	...	5.0	5.4	∞
121	97	Bentalls	109†	...	1.9	2.2	...
276	208	Benetton	257	...	...	0.6	36.8
34	22	Blacks Leis	29	...	3.3	...	6.0
227	133	Body Shop	189	-4	1.7	1.1	∞
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.6	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	354	+3	7.0	2.5	∞
87½	64½	Burton	85½	...	3.0	...	
145	126	Castors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	285	Church	353	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
189	97	Clinton Cards	146	...	4.2	3.6	17.6
247	212	Coats Viyella	237	+3	...	3.8	38.9
106	78	Colourvision▲	91	...	...	...	15.4
502	374	Courts Furnish	501	...	5.0	1.2	25.1
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	105	+3	...	3.2	16.7
66	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	66	+1	1.0	1.9	21.2
281	194½	Dixons Grp	213	-4	6.0	3.5	25.0
405	320	Dunhill	402	...	7.7	2.4	13.9
21	12½	ERA Gp	17	-1	...		
530	403	Elys (Wmbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.3	16.2
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
239	203	Etam	239	...	6.9	3.7	21.4
562	499	Fine Art Dev	546	...	12.7	3.0	∞
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38				
500	496	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
60	24	French Connt▲	60	+4	...		
48	21	Gabbicci▲	48	+1	2.0	...	9.6
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	46	+1	0.3	0.8	∞
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1642	+24	40.0	3.0	13.1
40	34	Hampden Grp▲	35	...	...	3.0	17.3
277	78	Harlstone	88	+8	4.8	6.9	5.4
25½	20	Helene Plc	24	+½	2.0	10.5	∞
49	29	Heritage▲	48	...			
63	35	Honeysuckle▲	60	-1	...	3.1	8.5
192	128	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	6.7	∞
93	63	Jacques Vert	78	...	2.0	...	
619	496	Kingfisher	615	+4	...	2.8	20.1
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	-½	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	640†	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	304	...	5.5	2.3	11.9
152	120	MFI	137	...	...	3.4	18.3
365	311	Marks Spencer	345½	-9½	...	3.0	18.9
505	445	Menzies (John)	498	-4	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	167†	...	5.5	4.1	∞
175	139½	Next	175	+5½	2.5	1.8	∞
38	15	Oliver (G)	35	...			
250	197	Ostlund Intl	214	...	...	3.6	13.0
63	45	Pentos	56	-1	1.5	3.4	11.5
313	255	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
41½	11	Ramers Group	33½	-2	2.4	9.0	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	28	...			
135	110	Rosebys	135	...	...	4.0	16.2
174	137	Sherwood Gp	164	...	2.6	2.0	∞
108	93	Sears	102†	...	3.5	4.3	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	438	-2	13.4	3.8	15.4
14½	4½	Specsavers▲	9	...			
219	176	Storehouse	205	-2½	5.0	3.0	...
191	148	T & S Stores	157	+3	5.9	4.7	11.7
133	71	Tie Rack	132	...	...	1.0	21.3
230	160	Time Products	208	-8	7.5	4.6	∞
102	63	Usher (Frank)	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wensum▲	36†	...	...	6.3	∞
117	78	Wickes	112	+1	...	...	49.7
60	45	Wid of Leather▲	58	...	...	2.5	...
197	146	Wyevale▲	197	...	...	...	3.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...			

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	159	...	4.5	3.5	15.7
239	223	Acal▲	239	+1	...	3.1	20.0
162½	38	Acorn Compt▲	79	-2	...	...	40.0
480	385	Admiral	434	...	5.4	1.6	18.4
131	104	Albu	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphameric	38	...			
38½	22	Amstrad	33½	+1½	0.4	...	
128	73	App Holo▲	79	...			
21	13	Arlen	19	-1	...		
58	37½	Astec	37	...			
290	250	Beales Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...			
381	319	BICC	378	+7	19.2	6.4	25.6
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1700	1150	Borland▲	1700	+50	...		
319	274	Bowthorpe	313	+1	6.3	2.5	∞
445½	376	BT	417½	...	...	4.8	20.5
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	+½	0.1	1.5	...
151	110	Burnfield	137	...	5.7	5.2	21.7
760	669	Cable Wireless	719	-2	13.2	2.3	22.2
14½	11½	Chloride	14	-½	...		
251	229	CML Micro▲	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
115	74	Compur People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
153	108½	Cray Elect	149½	-1½	...	0.4	12.1
336	243	Critchley	319	...	...	2.4	22.6
119	86	Dale	103	-2	5.1	6.2	10.0
568	414	Delta	532	-6	14.0	3.3	∞
298	206	Denmans El▲	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	598	-11	7.2	1.8	17.3
65	48	Dowding Mills	56	...	2.5	5.6	18.4
1040	865	Druck	1038	...	...	1.3	25.3
411	358	Electrocomps	390	+4	7.0	2.2	21.1
573	470	El Data Pre	535	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
80	43	Electron House	81	...	2.3	3.6	24.7
30½	10½	Emess	27½	-1	0.1	0.5	...
587	442	Eurotherm	580	-1	8.0	1.7	26.4
136	108	FKI	125	...	2.3	2.1	26.1
391	340	Farnell Elect	383†	+5	6.2	2.0	∞
51	33	Feedback▲	48	...			
18	9½	Ferranti	13½	...			
195	101	First Tech	193	+1	...		
236	81	Forward Gp▲	233	...	1.2	0.8	∞
21	16½	Forward Tech	17	...			
328½	304	GEC	319	+2	8.6	3.8	16.9
182	132	Graseby	156	...	10.9	8.7	∞
39	39	Hilcare▲	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
150	83	INSTEM▲	130†	-5	...	3.0	9.4
388	320	Jones Stroud	373	...	8.0	2.7	16.2
10	8	Kembrey	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
417	345	Abbey Ntl	411	+1	11.5	3.5	15.8
255	179	Allied Irish	235	...	...	4.8	12.0
176	130	Aus New Z	162	...	...	5.6	...
390½	2793½	Bankamerica	2950†	-6½	...		
250	188	Bk of Ireland	235	-1	...	6.5	...
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	135†	-1	4.5	4.2	∞
464	362	Barclays	446	+7	15.1	4.2	∞
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...			
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...			
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...			
490	395	Cater Allen	487	...	28.0	6.7	...
126	85	Cattles	125	-1	...	4.2	16.6
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1875†	...			
2045½	1343½	Citicorp	1775†	+49½	...		
348	290	Close Bros	348	...	...	3.5	15.5
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£114½	-37½	...	3.4	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£279½	-20½	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	80	...			
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1193	-12	...	0.4	64.3
465	343	Gerrard Nat	461	-3	21.0	5.7	...
492	490	HSBC	544	-3	19.0	3.9	14.7
624	474	HSBC HK	607	...	19.0	3.9	14.5
350	243	Hambros	338	-1	13.8	5.1	15.0
365	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
150	96	King Shaxson	150	+5	5.0	4.2	...
405	312	Kleinwort Ben	405	+3	16.0	4.9	14.0
573	492	Lloyds	542	-3	18.4	4.2	15.5
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	85	...	3.0	4.4	16.8
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	413	+2½	...	4.9	14.3
485	398	Nat West	472	+1	17.5	4.6	28.7
362	270	Provident	360	+1	11.4	4.0	15.6
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
282	207	Ryl Bk Scot	273†	+4	8.8	4.0	...
967½	467½	Schroders	953‡	+5	...	1.4	19.0
756	576	Stand Chart	731	+8	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	184	-1	6.4	4.3	...
140	78	Union Disc	138	-1	...		
704	529	Warburg SG	703	+2	18.0	3.2	20.8
276	185	-do- 6% 'A'	236	...	...	3.2	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6700	+106½	...	1.6	...
170	121	Westpac	165	...	...	4.6	...
215	168	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	539	Allied-Lyons	543	...	...	4.8	17.9
647	522	Bass	533	...	18.9	4.4	11.6
273	189	Boddington	268	+4	7.3	3.4	15.6
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	388	...	9.0	2.9	17.9
159	139	Burtonwd Brw	148	...	4.4	3.8	10.8
307	261	Devenish (JA)	297	...	7.8	3.3	16.7
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
66½	51	Fosters Brewing	51	-1	...	5.3	7.1
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	378	...	...	2.2	15.9
461	399	Grand Met	405	-10	12.3	3.8	13.2
427	386	Greenalls Grp	386	-10	11.7	3.9	12.6
563	505	Greene King	546	...	11.6	2.7	14.2
516	440	Guinness	476	-2	...	3.1	16.9
251	230	Hardy Hansn	240	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
125	108	Heavitree▲	125	+15	3.0	3.1	29.9
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	80	...	3.0	4.8	19.2
299	255	Highland Distl	291	+1	6.0	2.6	19.3
3125	2538	Holt J	2975†	...	41.0	1.7	∞
56	33	Hoskins Brew	58	...	...	...	41.8
321	250	Invrgordn Dist	269	+2	7.0	3.3	∞
196	157	Macallan-Glen	166	+3	0.9	0.7	37.3
403	375	Mactn Marth 'A'	388	...	8.8	2.8	12.2
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Mrstn Thmp	235	-1	4.9	2.6	13.8
435	410	Matthew Clark	412	...	15.7	4.8	12.4
300	255	Mrydwn W	258	...	...	3.0	16.6
490	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
990	752	SA Breweries	790	+7	...	3.5	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	463	...	16.1	4.3	12.6
223	181	Taunton Cider	211	-1	...	2.8	19.7
249	213	Vaux Group	240	+2	9.3	4.9	16.3
288	225	Wetherspoon JD	288	+2	...	2.1	23.3
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	487	+5	...	4.7	11.9
1180	850	-do- 'B'	930	+37	...	2.4	23.0
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	574	...	11.4	2.5	16.1
515	480	Young 'A'	483	...	14.5	3.8	21.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	+5	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton▲	18	...			
106	87	Allen▲	99	...	...	6.3	10.8
99	65	Amec	95	...	3.0	3.9	17.6
5½	4	Anglia Sec	7	...			
207	155	Ashtead▲	206	...	4.1	2.5	25.6
142	108	Atwoods	120	...	5.0	5.3	17.1
238	180	BPB Ind	234	-2	...	4.0	59.5
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Benl Con)	28½	...	0.5	...	
101	74	Barcom	88	...	1.2	1.9	16.0
147	94	Barratt Devs	143½	-½	2.0	1.7	16.0
412	305	Bellway	403†	+2	...	3.7	23.3
35	15	Bellwinch	27	...			
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	419	+1	...	1.8	28.9
75	45	Bett Bros	75	...	...	...	3.1
61	36	Blockleys	61	+8	1.0	2.0	∞
265	188	Blue Circle	254	-6	11.2	5.5	∞
285	230	Boot (Henry)	283†	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	75	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
107	82	Br Dredging	102	...	5.2	6.1	23.7
75	45	Brit Fixings	69†	...	1.5	2.7	...
150	99	Bryant	150	+1	4.8	4.0	32.1
81	53	CALA	80	+2	2.3	...	
277	205	CRH	271	...	...	3.4	17.2
45	22	Cakebread Roy	34	...			
39	23	Costain	33½	...			
140	90	Countryside	141	+4	4.1	3.6	37.3
63	38	Crest Nicholson	62	...	0.0	...	
41	28	Cussins	83	...			
2	1½	Dunton▲	1½	...			
21	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
238	178	Erwin	225†	...	6.8	3.8	19.1
48	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	257	Eve Group▲	280	...	...	3.5	12.7
58	34	Everd Bardon	51	...	2.0	4.9	23.9
6½	4½	Esplaurin▲	4½	...			
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	132†	...	...	4.7	21.0
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
79	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...			
813	695	Gleeson (MJ)	813†	+3	12.7	2.0	13.2
120	40	Hewden-Stuart	120	+1	3.2	3.4	∞
30	20	Hewetson	50	...	2.6	...	49.8
290	186	Heywd Wim	273	...	12.5	5.7	...
86	77	Higgs & Hill	79†	+2	2.5	4.0	...
35	27	How Gp	28†	-2	1.5	6.7	...
15	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
59	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66†	-1	1.0	1.9	...
37	14½	Jarvis	16	...			
270	190	Laing (J)	266	-1	9.0	4.2	10.6
75	55	La Cimeneade	67	...	4.5	8.4	25.2
24	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21½	...			
315	240	Manders	307	...	9.0	3.7	18.8
147	93	Marley	133	-4	4.2	3.9	39.0
91	61	Marshalls	40	...	...	6.9	30.1
156	122	Maunders (J)	158	+2	1.0	3.9	14.5
193	96	Mcalpine (A)	193	...	6.5	4.2	33.2
40	35	McCarthy & S	40	+3	0.5		

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
321	260	Kenwood App	313	+3	...	3.0	16.6
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	145	-5	...	...	7.3
203	100	Kode	182	...	5.5	3.8	21.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	48	+8	...		
365	122	LDMS▲	317	-5	...		
300	240	Lec Refrig	268	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	135	Life Sciences	155	...	3.5	2.9	16.8
231	164	Logica	230	...	3.6	2.0	27.3
54	44	LPA Inds▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
222	180	MR Data Mngmt	183	-1	4.3	3.0	17.5
673	523	Macro 4	638	...	...	2.5	21.4
630	527	Meuvier-Swa	597	...	...	1.9	19.6
3015	1988	Micro Focus	2286	+58	...	...	21.1
222	188	Microgen	189	...	7.2	4.8	12.9
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	26½	...			
514	367	Misys	477	...	6.1	1.6	21.8
178	98	Mitel	171	+10	...		
138	108	MMT Compt▲	120	+1	...	3.7	15.1
27	16	Molynx	16	-2	...	10.2	1.5
272	202	MTL Instr▲	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Multitone Elec	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
150	116	Murray Enter	150	+2	1.8	1.6	69.7
6412½	5300	NYNEX	5375	-12½	...		
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...			
114	58	Norbain▲	111	...	...	1.1	16.0
75	20	Northamber	61	...	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
240	195	Oxford Inst	240	+4	4.3	2.2	16.8
93	48	P-E Intern'l	78	-4	1.0	1.6	...
75	29	P & P	68	...	1.4	2.6	36.1
80	58	Peek	72†	...	3.4	5.9	18.8
190	115	Pegasus▲	163	...	...	4.9	41.3
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000†	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp NV	962½	...			
452	343	Pilco	449	...	7.7	2.2	38.0
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	429	...	7.7	2.3	36.3
96	63	Plasmec▲	64	+1	...	7.6	5.2
104	76	Pressac	90	+1	2.4	3.3	18.2
135	103	Psion▲	121	-4	...	2.6	32.1
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10 #	...			
224	160	Racal Elect	201	+1	1.5	0.9	23.8
60	45	Radamec	55†	...	1.0	3.4	∞
70	43	Radius	65	-3	...	5.2	22.5
92	61	Real Time▲	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Riva▲	31	-1	...		
629	488	Sage Gp	583†	...	9.0	1.9	16.7
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	120	...	5.0	5.2	23.6
330	270	Sema Gp	307	+6	2.8	1.1	24.8
39	26	Silverlines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2250	-37½	...	1.3	22.5
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	15	...			
155	80	Telemetrix	138	+1	0.6	0.5	48.1
899	809	THORN EMI	834	-1	30.1	4.5	21.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	100	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	75	Total Systems▲	83	...	2.2	3.4	14.8
429	372	Tunstall	414	+1	6.0	1.8	18.6
256	164	Unitech	246	...	5.8	3.0	43.0
11½	6	Verity▲	8	...			
33½	24	Wace▲	31½	...	...	1.2	26.8
434	367	Vodafone	416	+1	...	1.7	20.4
441	368	Volex	385	+1	...	5.5	19.5
22	11	Western Selctn	19	...			
255	229	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	440	...	17.1	4.9	8.5
496	390	Eastern Elec	451	+1	16.7	4.6	11.2
356	304	Hydro-Elect	329	+3	10.1	3.9	11.7
500½	404	London Elec	450	+1	16.8	4.7	8.7
549	458	Manweb	504	+2	18.2	4.5	7.3
514	434½	Midlands Elec	461	-4	17.2	4.7	9.7
549	440	Northern Elec	485	...	18.5	4.8	7.2
544	439	Norweb	483	-2	17.7	4.6	9.1
337	285	Scottish Power	311	-1	10.1	4.1	11.6
529	459	Seeboard	485	+4	17.2	4.4	8.8
571	460	Sth Wales	515	+3	19.4	4.7	8.2
532	426	Sth Western	470	-1	17.4	4.6	8.5
496	405	Southern Elec	446	-1	16.6	4.7	8.8
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	501	+1	17.7	4.4	9.3
354½	273	National Powr	333	+9	9.1	3.4	11.0
353	273	PowerGen	343	+9	...	3.8	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
85	47	BWD▲	85	+8	...	4.7	13.3
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	∞
453	425	Caledonia	426	...	14.4	4.2	16.3
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	12.8
263	243	Candover	261	+1	10.2	4.9	18.5
97	71	Fiench▲	96	-1	...	...	9.5
303	155	Govett	287	+1	...	5.3	9.0
148	125	Ivory Sime	147	...	...	5.4	15.4
6½	3	LIT	3½	...			
12	11	Lighship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaitng	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Marakin	57	...			
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	11	-½	...		
49	40	Newmarket	49	...			
272	246	Rathbone Brs	272	...	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rutland Tst	21	...	...	4.8	12.5
330	255	S & U	276	...	10.0	4.7	∞
69	48	Singer & Fried	65	-2	2.6	5.0	∞
939	738	Sotheby	875	+12	...	4.3	...
107	83	SIP Capital	107	...	3.0	3.5	19.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1781½	...			
234	183	Electra	222	+1	6.7	3.8	30.3
1000	835	Henderson Ad	910	...	41.0	5.6	20.0
122	92	Investo MIM	107	...	3.0	3.5	∞
218	164	Jardine Strat	213	...	...	3.4	10.5
194	154	MAI	182	+3	6.0	4.1	13.2
482	389	MAM	482	-1	11.5	3.0	19.3
799	693	M & G	790	...	...	3.4	20.8
225	115	Smith New Crt	220	...	4.5	2.6	8.7
80	55	Trio Hldgs	75	-2	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	474	-3	14.0	3.8	10.7
77½	53	ASDA Group	68½	+3½	...	2.9	22.1
240	170	Acatos & Hutch	240	+5	6.5	3.4	13.9
76	55	Albert Fisher	67†	...	3.7	7.0	11.2
407	305	Argyll	307	-6	9.7	4.0	12.1
25	12	Ashley Group	17½	...	...	4.0	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	∞
220	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	...	6.5	2.2	18.7
85	57	Bensons Crisps	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
140	112½	Berisford Intl	140	+3	...		
455	358	Booker	398	-9	...	7.6	32.7
48	35	Borthwick	48	...	1.1	2.9	33.5
488	430	Brake Bros	484	...	6.2	1.6	20.1
51	39	Budgen	44	-3	...	...	15.0
511	442	Cadbury-Schw	447	-9	...	3.7	16.7
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
205	178	Cranswick▲	191	+1	...	4.9	14.1
20	8½	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	9.1
384	168	Dalepak	195	+2	6.0	3.8	8.8
491	431	Dalgety	437	-2	19.5	5.6	12.7
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
295	269	Farepak▲	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...			
94	78	Finlay (James)	83	...	4.1	6.4	∞
125	78	Fyffes	113	+5	...	1.4	18.8
483	328	Geest	408†	-2	8.1	2.5	∞
12	7	Global▲	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
205	147	Hazlewood Fds	190	-1	6.1	4.0	11.5
171	131	Hillsdown	151	-4	...	7.3	11.9
750	616	Iceland Frozen	687	-4	10.0	1.8	20.5
131	111	JLI Group	119	...	4.5	4.7	17.1
853	731	Kwik Save	782†	-1	16.0	2.6	15.0
262	202	Low (Wm)	203†	-1	8.4	5.2	9.8
56	41	Matthews (B)	56	+1	2.2	5.0	36.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14	...	1.1	10.0	33.5
174	149	Morrison (W)	156	+1	...	0.6	20.3
538	443	Nichols (JN)	523	+5	13.6	3.3	15.1
290	242	Nthn Foods	272	+2	...	3.6	15.0
22	13	Nrdmtn Fo▲	13	...	...	...	5.4
239	172	Nurdin Peack	210	-1	6.1	3.7	∞
241	205	Park Foods	236	-2	3.2	1.7	28.2
115	83	Perkins Food	110	-5	4.4	5.0	∞
96½	47	PizzaExpress	75	...	...	0.8	43.1
4½	1½	Regina Hldh▲	4½	...			
584	446	Sainsbury J	456	-3	10.0	2.8	∞
68	33	Sentry Farm▲	56	...	...	2.3	13.1
228	170	Sims Food	173	-1	11.2	8.1	9.3
439	379	Tate & Lyle	383†	-3	12.0	3.9	12.1
273	210	Tesco	215	-4	...	4.1	10.0
211	167	Thorntons	170	...	3.6	2.7	15.8
183	101	Treats▲	175	...	...	2.6	20.0
375	300	Unigate	350	-4	15.3	3.5	12.5
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	412	-9	...	4.6	21.3
25	12	Usborne	21†	...	0.4	2.4	12.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	309	+1	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hs▲	16	...			
89	72	City Centre Rest	81½	-1½	1.5	2.4	∞
209	170	Forte	192	+3	...	4.9	15.1
199	155	Friendly Hotels	172	-4	5.7	4.2	∞
11	6½	Harmony Leis▲	9½	-1	...		
110	87	Jurys Hotel	104	...	...	5.9	12.2
215	154	Ladbroke	184	+7	11.1	7.6	15.7
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	73	+1	...	4.3	∞
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	82	-do- 7½% cnv	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...			
55	28	Resort Hotels	44	...	3.4	9.8	8.6
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	18	...	...	6.3	∞
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	52	+2	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	176	AAF Inds	199	+1	...	5.5	12.2
616	478	AAH	490	-1	16.3	4.2	15.6
172	122	ADM	142	+1	6.5	5.7	8.8
132	86	APV	91½	-3½	5.4	7.4	∞
233	81	ASW	229	...	6.0	3.3	...
157	126	Adwest	157	...	7.0	5.6	22.3
28	10	Aerospace Eng	24	-½	1.0	...	14.6
485	434	Airsprung	485	...	7.5	1.9	13.5
141	113	Alexdrn W	140†	...	3.8	3.4	∞
13½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...			
535	415	Alumasc	535	...	11.0	2.6	16.4
35	17	Alvis	33	...	1.0	3.8	6.8
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	29	Amberley Gp▲	31	...	...	4.0	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	135	...	4.4	4.1	77.1
893	703	Anglogam	800†	...	...	2.5	14.8
50½	37	Armour	43	-½	1.4	4.5	12.6
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
555	445	Aston Rubber	499	...	...	4.2	19.2
236	168	Assoc Nursg▲	210	-5	...	...	8.0
68½	54½	Atlas Equip	65†	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	43	-3	...		
172	147	BBA	153	-4	...	6.1	∞
56	28	BLP Group▲	35	...			
77	13	BM Gp	18	-2	3.0	...	0.8
770	671	BOC	681	-17	23.2	4.3	14.7
79½	62	BSG	67	...	...	6.0	∞
480	353	BSS Group	479	-1	...	4.5	19.1
621	530	BTR	581	-6	...	3.9	20.6
321	188	BWI	196	...	6.7	4.3	18.9
41½	31	Babcock	36	-½	3.1	...	7.5
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...			
289	241	Baird (Wm)	260	+1	8.9	4.3	18.0
1065½	656½	Barlow Rand	612½	+6½	...	5.6	3.4
7	7	Barmer (M)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	1.4	2.9	∞
15	5	Beckman	7	...	1.8	...	
8½	6½	Beckenham▲	8½	...			
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...			
27½	15½	Benson Group	18	+½	0.1	0.7	16.6
707	523	Bespak	523	-9	9.0	2.2	16.3
133	83	Bibby (J)	91	+2	9.7	...	5.2
300	129	Biltm (J)	224	...	5.0	2.8	11.3
41	21½	Bilston Brstsm▲	36	-3	...		
11½	8½	Birmec Ind	8½	-½	0.6	...	
158	126	Bixby	150	...	...	0.8	...
44	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...			
183	136	Black (Peter)	176	...	2.9	2.1	18.1
238	129	Bluebird Toys▲	238	+1	...	2.4	14.9
587	494	Bodycote	575	...	10.0	2.2	18.2
563	431	Boots	449	-7	...	3.7	16.8
61	45	Booth Inds	58	-1	3.2	6.9	6.0
517	435½	Bowater	462	-1	11.5	3.1	18.3
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1309†	+1	...		
248	199	Boxmore Intl▲	241	...	...	1.9	18.0
19	12½	Brasway	17½	+½	0.5	4.1	22.6
268	204	Brammer	253	-2	13.0	6.4	22.8
18	12	Bridgend Gp	16½	-½	1.2	...	7.4
100	64	Bridon	98	-1	4.0	5.2	∞
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	37	+1	...	8.6	4.1
308	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	49	...			
510	417	Br Polythene	510	+6	...	2.5	18.3
98½	54	Br Steel	98	+½	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	128	...	3.0	2.0	35.9
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.3	...
268	216	Br Vita	239	+1	7.1	3.7	14.7
13	6½	Brinam Grp	11½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	616	-17	...	3.0	29.2
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	103	...	4.0	4.9	14.3
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...			
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	
118	91	Bullough	107	...	6.0	7.1	18.3
26	15	Business Tech▲	15	...	...	...	18.1
28	17	CI Group	25	...	1.0	5.0	∞
25	15	Campbell & Arm	19½	...	2.0	...	
28	6½	Cannon St	25	-1	...		
240	205	Cape	228	...	10.5	5.8	15.5
228	178	Carclo Eng	202	...	...	5.3	17.0
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2350	...	...	2.8	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.0	5.6	8.1
707	609	Charter Cons	643	-2	21.5	4.2	15.4
270	220	Chemring	265	...	...	3.8	16.0
92	59	Chieftain Gp▲	59	-10	5.1	10.8	12.6
30	17	Chillington	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
188	144	Christies Intl	177	...	1.5	1.1	∞
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	...			
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	
400	350	Cohen (A)	390	...	10.0	...	
223	179	Community H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186½	Concentric	211	-6	...	3.3	17.6
178	120	Cook (Wm)	178	...	10.0	...	11.9
215	182	Cookson	196½	-2½	...	3.8	∞
45	38	Copymore▲	43	...	...	2.0	∞
238	173	Crowl Phr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	151	-4	10.7	8.9	23.0
224	160	Creighton Nt▲	174	...	...	5.0	12.6
44	27	CrestaCare	43	...	0.5	1.5	∞
3456½	2997½	Dana	3212½†	+28½	...		
800	314	Danka Bs Sys	768	+48	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DY)▲	16	...			
711	642	De La Rue	657	-2	15.0	2.9	20.1
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
494	391	Diploma	490	+6	9.7	2.5	25.3
67	50	Dobson Park	67	...	5.7	10.7	12.1
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	65	...	5.0	9.6	9.3
18	9	EFG▲	14	...			
421	368	EIS	375	+6	...	3.9	∞
15½	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½	...			
28	19	Elbief	25	...			
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2000	-12½	...	2.8	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...			
484	424	Eng China Cl	448	+4	20.0	5.6	∞
2762½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2762½	+50	...	1.1	...
90	27	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	3.2	9.4
53	32	Eurocopy	47	...	1.6	4.3	18.2
80	47	Expamet	74	...	3.2	5.5	∞
635	499	Fairey Group	627	...	10.2	2.0	19.3
95	53	Fenner	77	-6	4.2	...	14.5
68	33	Ferraris Group▲	67	...	...	1.0	15.3
1½	½	Ferromet▲	1	...			
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
40	28	Fife Indmar	40	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	157	Fisons	165	-7	...	6.6	8.2
53	29	Flexitlon	43	...	...	12.4	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39†	...	1.5	4.8	∞
74	56	French (Thomas)	62	...	3.6	7.3	31.1
210	166½	Frost Group	192	...	4.0	2.6	∞
85	71	GEI Int	82	-1	7.3	11.2	16.9
489	434	GKN	443	...	...	5.8	19.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
94	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.6	...
160	109	Gestetner	118	+½	8.2	8.7	5.1
36	23	Gieves	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	682	-3	17.0	3.3	18.0
26	16	Glenchewton	23½	...			
311	245	Glynwed	304	-1	11.6	4.9	27.9
100	66	Goode Durrant	98	-2	5.4	6.9	20.7
134	102	Grampian Hd	120	-1	5.5	5.7	20.8
411	341	Granada	405	-3	7.7	2.4	21.6
367	301	Great Storm▲	367	+3	...	3.7	15.1
95	78	Green (Ernst)▲	95	...	...	9.2	13.1
14	8½	Greenacre▲	12†	-1	...	2.9	∞
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	11	...			
43	30½	Haden MacLn	41½	+½	2.0	6.2	∞
85	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	66	...			
235	115	Hall Eng	234	...	8.6	4.6	19.5
258	215	Halma	222	-2	2.2	1.2	22.5
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	237½	-5½	...	6.1	12.0
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
186	147	Harrison Crsfld	180	+2	9.0	6.3	26.0
60	38	Havelock Euro	60	...			
51	30	Hay (Norman)	41	...			
25	17	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.0	11.6
394	301	Hepworth	388	-2	14.8	4.8	16.7
225	160	Hewitt (J)	208	-10	3.0	1.8	16.3
38	15	High-Point	30	...	1.3	...	
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	6½	Hobson▲	6½	...			
117	87	Holders Tech▲	117	+2	...	6.4	15.3
47	30	Hopkinsons	47	+1	1.3	3.5	19.3
167	138	Hornby▲	138	...	...	8.2	13.0
13½	6	Hospital Crp	9	...	...	11.1	2.4
73	54½	Howden	73	+1	...	3.7	11.3
251½	173	Hunting	216	+6	...	5.8	17.7
386½	269½	Huntleigh Tech▲	379‡	...	...	1.1	∞
295	247	IMI	286	...	10.0	4.4	∞
108	90	ISA Intl	99	...	1.5	1.9	15.4
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	184	...	...	1.8	19.5
255	235	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	360	Jardine Math	485	+13	...	2.4	∞
537	438	Johnson Matth	472	-7	9.6	2.6	19.6
64	51	Johnson & FB	51	...	3.0	7.4	15.7
149	104	Johnston	149	...	3.2	2.7	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...			
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	50	...	...	...	41.2
178	73	Kalon	167	-1	3.2	2.4	∞
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	22.0	6.6	26.5
130	75	Kleeneze	130	...			
118	61	LGW▲	111	...	3.0	3.4	9.2
303	266	Laird	281	+1	...	4.7	15.0
186	105	Lee (Arthur)	156	...	...	4.9	64.6
138	110	Lilleshall	138	+4	4.2	3.8	17.0
153	97	Lincat▲	147	...	...	4.3	12.7
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	17½	...	...	...	14.4
128	76	Linread	108	+1	3.7	4.6	16.4
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	∞
14½	10½	Liontheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	182	Lon Intl	184	-1	9.4	6.4	12.5
120½	70	Lonrho	114½	+1	...	4.4	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	331	...	...	3.4	∞
343	283	MB-Caradon	315	+3	...	3.4	24.4
169½	140½	-do- pf	161	-1	7.2	5.6	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	20.3
43	27	MS Intl	43	...	2.5	7.3	60.1
50	39	MY Holdings	42	...	...	3.0	12.8
283	236	Macfarlane	248	...	4.7	2.4	18.7
430	379	McKechnie	414†	...	14.7	4.5	20.5
106	88	McLeod Russel	97	+1	6.0	7.7	11.8
10½	5½	Maddox	6½	...			
74	63	Magnolia	67	+1	0.1	0.2	10.8
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	
170	124	Mayborn▲	170	-2	...	3.7	14.1
54	29	Mayflower▲	52	...	...	3.0	∞
236	191½	Medeva	237	+5	...	1.3	17.6
103½	88	Meggitt	102	+4½	...	4.6	17.4
150	111	Metalr	115	...	4.0	4.3	16.9
76	70	Metsec▲	71	...			
77	29	Midstates	70	-7	...	1.3	∞
25	14	Mining & Ald	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
488	368	Molins	457	+1	14.0	3.8	∞
345	262	Morgan Cric	275	...	...	5.7	14.6
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Necpsend	26	...	1.5	...	
60	34	Nestor-BNA	52	...	3.1	7.6	12.4
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	30.7
174	127½	Norcros	165	-2	7.0	5.3	28.3
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	1.0	...	
329	310	No-Swift	320	...	...	7.8	8.8
53	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	133	PCT▲	133	...	...	2.1	∞
48	44	Pacer Systems▲	44	...	...	8.3	...
138	109	Penlland	109	-2	...	2.9	∞
380	310	Photo-Me	368	...	4.4	1.5	18.8
137	97½	Pilkington	129	...	6.0	5.8	49.9
32	19	Plaion▲	27	-2	...		
79	68	Planstbrook	78	...	3.0	4.9	12.0
150	126	Polypipe	150	...	1.9	1.6	21.7
517	455	Portals	466†	+5	14.5	3.9	∞
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	25	...	2.5	12.5	6.2
7½	5½	Porth Gp▲	6½	...			
376	306	Powerscreen	324	-3	6.0	2.3	18.3
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.5	8.5
54	33½	RPS Group▲	52	...	...	5.3	11.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...			
148	77	Ransom Oil▲	122	...	2.0	...	
744	636	Rank Org	702	-3	31.0	5.5	19.2
33	23	Ransomes	27	...			
657	540	Reckitt Colm	544	-9	...	3.7	19.7
77	50	Record	75	...	3.6	6.2	38.7
7½	2½	Reece	6½	...			
179	131	Relyon	177	+1	4.9	3.5	21.2
303	275	Renishaw	291	-1	6.5	2.8	22.3
61	55	Renold	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1364	-8	21.2	2.1	20.9
35	24½	Rexmore	35	+1	1.7	6.2	8.6
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	22.9
68	58	Richard (Leics)	65†	...	4.4	8.5	∞
78	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	∞
128	109	Ropner	124†	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
122	97	-do- 'A'	114†	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	28	Ross Gp	36	+1	0.6	2.3	14.7
455	395	Rotork	454	...	...	3.1	20.0
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	45	Russell (A)	56	...	1.0	2.2	...
29	15	SEP Indl	28	-½	...	3.4	25.3
800	625	SKF 'B'	787½	+12½	...		
342	222	Sanderson Eler	329	-1	9.0	3.4	14.0
78	39	Savage▲	77	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	208	Scapa	218	+1	5.3	3.1	17.8
238	192	Scholl	210	...	...	3.8	15.3
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...			
990	917	Securicor	930	+5	2.6	0.4	35.4
608	562	-do- 'A'	585	+4	2.6	0.6	22.3
565	465	Security Serv	488	+4	5.0	1.3	24.1
103	77	Senior Eng	102½	-½	...	3.8	22.9
351	306	Seton Health	338	...	...	1.9	21.7
69	42	Sheldon Jones▲	67	...			
121	88	Shiloh	121†	...	2.9	3.0	∞
361	295	Sidlaw	314	+2	10.0	4.0	14.4
501	437	Siebe	461	+1	...	2.5	19.4
308	220	Silentnight	307	...	8.0	3.3	∞
124	102	Sime Darby	124	...	...	3.4	15.2
142	52	Simon Eng	58	...	5.0	10.8	13.3
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	238	...	7.0	3.7	15.3
47	42	Sth Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	142	Smith & Neph	142½	-1	...	4.1	20.0
513	389	SmithKline	479†	-2	8.6	2.2	17.3
450	340	SmithKline Uts	423†	-7	...	3.1	15.3
394	320	Smiths Ind	354†	-3	11.2	4.0	14.5
140	79	Sthn Bus	83	...	3.3	5.1	7.8
403	265	Spandex	403	...	...	2.0	∞
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	4.0	3.8	8.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	341	...	9.3	3.4	∞
145	56	Spring Ram	80	...	0.3	0.5	∞
270	222	Staveley	233	+2	8.2	4.4	13.3
147	126	Sterling Ind	137	...	5.6	5.1	17.2
20	11	Stonehill	17	...			
154	97	Suter	144	...	8.8	7.6	∞
334	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	334	+1	...	2.7	∞
7	5	Sycamore	6	...			
78	57	Sykes-Pick	53†	...	...	9.4	10.1
286	240	Syltone	266	+1	9.4	4.4	12.3
198	164	T & N	169	-½	...	8.0	39.5
339	279	TI	326	-4	...	4.1	18.0
18	12	TLS Range▲	13	...	...	2.5	...
283	218	TT Group	275	-3	6.0	2.7	16.4
249	220	Talaro	237	...	1.8	0.9	∞
821	618	Takeda Chem	821	-27	...	0.5	21.8
31	24	Tex Hldgs	29	...			
94	70	Tinsley (E)▲	91	...	...	7.1	10.6
225	150	Titon▲	203	...	...	2.2	17.5
271	221	Tomkins	227	+1	...	3.5	15.9
98½	67	Trafalgar H	96½	+½	...	4.2	7.1
98	65½	-do- 'A'	96†	+½	...		
579	346	Transfer Tech	517	+1	16.0	3.9	12.8
190	159½	Triplex Lloyd	171	...	7.0	5.1	15.7
253	221	UniChem	228	-1	5.6	3.1	∞
305	275½	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	9.1
44	11½	Unigroup	42	-½	...		
1249	1034	Unilever	1036	-22	21.3	2.6	14.1
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	6962½	-62½	...	3.1	10.1
773	513	VSEL	768	+3	25.0	4.1	8.8
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...			
142	95½	Vickers	140	+4	...	1.3	...
367	303	Victaulic	325	...	7.8	3.0	∞
364	283	Vinten	339†	-10	7.0	2.6	∞
551	427	Vosper Thorny	551	+10	13.1	3.0	13.3
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	∞
468	410	Wagon Ind	433	...	...	4.9	16.8
86	71	Walker Greenbk	82	-1	3.1	4.8	20.4
252	201	Wassall	252	+2	2.5	1.2	25.4
35	22	Watford Wdgwd	31½	...			
675	582	Weir	619	+1	11.8	2.4	∞
903	658	Wellcome	749	-6	13.0	2.2	20.7
23½	22	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
296	260	West Hlnscare	296	+1	...	1.6	19.0
495	400	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	267	Whessoe	350	...	...	2.9	13.6
10½	4	Wheway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	22	Whitecroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...			
81	44	Wilkes (James)	81	+3	3.5	5.4	23.6
365	313	Williams Hldg	330	...	12.5	4.7	17.3
31½	17	Wishaw	30½	+½	0.4	1.6	25.3
620	533	Wolseley	620	+5	12.5	2.5	21.5
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
58	38	Young (H)	56	+3	3.0	6.9	19.8

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1997½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1662½	...	...	3.8	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	1887½	-25	...	3.7	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	40	-2	4.4	13.8	19.5
148	121	Bradstock	122	-2	5.1	5.2	15.1
1475	1078	Britannic	1443	...	33.5	2.9	...
641	561	Com Union	580	+3	...	5.2	...
1455	1225	Dom & Gen	1453	+5	...	1.5	24.0
25	18	FAI	25	+1	...		
619½	546	Gen Accident	577	...	26.7	5.8	...
195	160	GRE	173	-1	7.0	5.1	14.4
370	293	Heath C E	324	+5	16.0	6.2	19.0
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	...	8.1	5.5	∞
198	164	JIB Group	193	...	7.5	4.9	19.5
493	408	Legal & Gen	460	+6	...	5.2	27.9
1026	768	Liberty Life	845	...	...	3.4	14.6
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	...	17.3	5.0	15.6
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	273	...	5.6	2.6	20.1
368	274	Londn & Man	340	-1	14.2	5.2	∞
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	347	...	12.6	4.5	13.8
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5737½	-37½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	89	-4	...	7.3	∞
68	50½	PWS	63	...	4.0	8.1	8.9
342	282½	Prudential	317	-1	...	4.7	21.1
1138	800	Refuge	1013	-15	31.5	3.9	28.1
332	258	Royal	305	+1	6.5	2.8	...
183	153	Sedgwick	167	-3	6.0	4.5	20.1
261	205	Steel Burrill	207	...	13.2	8.0	∞
87	47	Sturge Hldgs	62	+4	8.2	16.6	6.3
362	307	Sun Alliance	334	+3	14.2	5.3	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	58				
288	239	Transatlantic	280	-3	12.0	5.4	26.0
773	499	Utd Friendly	710	...	14.5	2.6	∞
208	171	Willis Corroon	189	+2	...	4.4	∞
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1639	+6	45.0	3.4	∞
260	220½	Amer Trust	236	-1½	4.9	2.6	49.0
347	304	Ang & O'seas	346	+2	6.8	2.5	43.9
130½	124	BZW Conv	124	...	7.8	7.8	14.5
158	133½	Bankers	150	...	3.4	2.9	41.2
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
158	131	Berry Starq	158†	...	2.2	1.7	51.4
106½	96½	Br Assets	99½	+½	...	5.4	24.1
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	60½	...	0.8	1.7	69.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...			
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	156	...	2.4	1.9	51.9
195	164	Derby Inc	147	...	16.6	14.1	8.8
250	195	-do- Cap	250	...			
123	90	Drayton Asia	122	...	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	69	...	8.4	15.9	7.4
64	35	-do- Eng Intl	63	...	1.2	2.4	...
116	84	-do- Far East	115	-1	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	102	...	0.5	0.6	...
691	577	Dunedin Inc G	589	...	25.4	5.4	27.1
582	513	-do- Wwde	573	...	9.5	2.1	59.0
270	222	Dundee & Lon	248	+1	12.0	6.0	22.9
52	46	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	12.2	9.0
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52½	...			
274	250½	Edinburgh	267	+1	8.4	4.0	∞
158	141	Electric Gen	158	+1	3.1	2.5	50.3
97	85	English Scot	96	...			
253	205	European Asset	244	...	...	3.1	28.7
93	77	Finsbury 'A'	93	...	3.0	4.0	29.9
290	249	Fleming Amer	259½	-1	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	194½	-½	...	3.4	38.3
266	212	-do- Contl	243	-1	2.7	1.4	∞
171	142	-do- Enrp	169	...	4.5	3.3	37.9
278	213	-do- F East	272	-1	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	109½	-do- Hi Inc	116	...	5.8	6.2	19.7
219	136	-do- Japan	210	-4	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	254½	+2½	0.7	3.3	∞
251	212	-do- Oseas	243	+1	4.0	2.1	58.0
229	203	Foreign & Col	229½	+1	3.3	1.9	61.4
210	164	-do- Eurotrt	194	-1	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	96	...	0.4	0.5	...
282	191	-do- Pacific	262	...	1.9	0.9	...
137½	116	-do- Smaller	136	+½	...	1.7	60.1
225	145	GT Japan	220	+1	...	0.7	...
121	65	Genl Cons Cap	121	+1	...		
123½	96½	-do- Inc	107	...	...	9.9	11.0
145	115	Govett Atl Smllr	120	+1	...		
284	184	-do- Oriental	284†	+1	0.7	0.4	∞
248	207	-do- Strategy	240†	...	...	3.5	33.1
373	340	Greenfriar	370	...	0.3	2.1	55.6
10	5	Gresham House	8	...			
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	70.8
134	124	Inv Cap	125†	+1	5.1	5.1	25.1
92	77	IIS UK Smllr	85½	...	2.8	4.2	∞
183	156½	Klenwort Cnrt	171½	...	5.0	3.6	33.4
206	176	-do- O'seas	200	+1	3.3	2.1	56.8
126	108	-do- Smlr	116	...	4.0	4.3	28.1
595	540	Law Debenture	571	...	18.2	4.0	28.5
174	160	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	221	Merchants	240	...	10.6	5.5	22.3
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4487½	+93½	...		
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	413	+1	6.7	2.0	55.6
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	118	...	...	5.0	23.0
37	33	Do Warrants	34	...			
47	39	Murray Euro	43½	...	0.1	0.5	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...			
315	282	Murray Incme	308	...	...	4.4	29.3
319	265	-do- Intl	288	-3	11.4	4.9	26.0
312	253	-do- Small	296	+1	4.0	1.7	63.8
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97†	...	...	13.7	9.5
91	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...			
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2925†	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	143½	...			
260	230	-do- Vent	244	...	...	5.3	19.3
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	78	...	6.7	10.8	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	285	...	2.8	1.2	...
370	285	Pacific Assets	369	...	1.1	0.4	...
272	187	Do Warrants	272	...			
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
133	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	133	+2	1.1	1.1	60.2
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	380	...	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	378	...	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
148½	131	Scot American	139	+½	4.3	3.9	29.2
201	136	Scot Asian	201†	+2	...		
365	225	do Warrants	365	...			
73	63½	-do- Eastern	70	...	1.5	2.7	46.0
201	183	Scottish	196	+1	4.6	2.9	40.6
201	178	-do- Mtge	192	+½	4.0	2.7	∞
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.9	56.0
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1436	+6	36.5	3.2	38.6
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	80½	+½	3.2	5.0	∞
130	109½	Selective Asset	121	...	1.2	1.2	43.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	21	...	3.1	18.5	6.8
139	112	TR Far East	132	...	4.5	4.3	28.7
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134½	+½	4.7	4.4	28.2
141	110	TR Pacific	136	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	22½	+½	1.4	...	66.4
69	47	TR Tech Inv	53	...	1.7	4.1	26.3
170	146	TR Smir Cos	168	+2	3.7	2.8	49.2
315	283	Temple Bar	302	+1	13.2	5.5	22.8
90	69	Trnsan Atlan E	86†	...	0.5	0.7	...
68½	54	Throgmorton	68	+½	2.3	4.2	27.8
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	413	...			
195	178	USDC Invest	192	...	4.5	2.9	35.3
95	76½	Value Inc Tst	95	...	3.6	4.8	∞
998	947	Whitbread Inv	970	+1	16.5	3.7	∞
195	181	Witan	189½	...	5.6	3.7	33.2
203	185	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...			
10½	4½	Teredo▲	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	23	Trilon Europe	24	...	...	...	5.4
11	6½	Villiers Grp	10½	...			
172	147½	Woodside	155½	-2½	...	2.3	

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	301	-4	7.2	3.0	10.7
60	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
286	194	Anglia TV	286	+7	...	4.0	13.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	214	...	10.0	6.0	13.4
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1190†	-3	22.0	2.3	17.8
118	90	Border TV▲	112	+6	...	3.0	14.6
16½	4½	Brent Walker	13½	...			
8	2½	Buckingham Intl	6½	...			
292	120	Campari	144	...	12.0	10.4	∞
197	171	Capital Radio	187	...	5.2	3.5	21.6
818	718	Carlton Comm	733	+5	17.0	2.9	21.6
200	158	Castle Comm▲	181	...	...	5.9	16.5
1680	1615	Central TV	1878†	...	38.0	2.5	20.5
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...			
610	494	Compass Gp	527	+2	12.3	2.9	15.0
350	218	Eurocamp	242	...	9.7	5.0	10.0
1180	710	Euro Disney	793	-10	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...			
23	18	Ex-Lands	20	...			
341	245	Fairline Boats	341	...	10.5	3.8	...
378	320	First Leisure	355	...	6.1	2.2	24.6
515	398	GWR Gp▲	508	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	173†	...	6.1	4.4	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...			
51	19	HTV Group	44	+1	...	...	19.5
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	39	...	5.5	...	2.5
12	9½	Kunick	11	-½	...		
394	262	LWT CP	389	-1	4.9	1.6	∞
475	327	Man Utd	444	-1	18.0	5.1	15.3
148	90½	Owners Abrd	98	+2	3.5	4.5	7.9
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	18	...	4.0	...	2.7
318	289	Radio Clyde▲	289	...	...	3.7	22.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	-1	...	3.4	21.9
502	431	Scot TV	469	+6	9.9	2.6	23.1
60	41	Southern Radio	45	...	0.7	2.2	18.7
219	168	Stanley Leisure	213	-2	...	2.4	18.0
9	5½	Sunleigh▲	7½	...			
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
3½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...			
117	84	Tottenham Hot	103	...	...	...	3.3
78	44	Trans World▲	71	...	...	1.4	25.9
374	274	Ulster TV	373†	+4	10.0	3.4	11.4
22	13½	Wembley	18	...	0.2	1.4	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...			
187	110	Yorkshire TV	178	+6	12.0	8.6	5.3
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4050	1800	Am Gold	4050	...	...	5.1	∞
1337½	1018	Ang Am Coal	1325	...	...	7.3	∞
1887½	1125	Ang Am	1850	-34½	...	3.7	12.7
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	16½	...			
111	33	Blyvoors	97	-6	...	6.3	5.3
35	18	Bracken	35	+1	...	...	2.0
681	233	Buffels	661	-14	...	6.0	16.3
2	1	Bute	1½	...			
684	546	CRA	584	-8	...	3.6	∞
35½	11	Cluff Res	31½	-4	...		
1150	762½	De Beers	1137½	-6½	...	4.2	15.3
83	37½	Deelkraal	80	-3	...	7.6	4.4
48	7	Doornfontein	48	+1	...		
725	388	Driefontein	706	-19	...	4.7	12.9
400	120	Durban	400	...			
96	47	E Rand Gold	96	+1	...	12.4	∞
141	62	E Dagga	137	...	...	...	11.4
237	54	E Rand Prop	237	+1	...		
351	117	Elandsrand	351	+6	...	3.5	6.2
664	292	FS Cons	645	-15	...	8.0	∞
40	8	FS Dev	33	-2	...		
1450	725	GFSA	1413	-37	...	2.9	22.2
168	125	Gencor	160†	-2	...	6.2	12.4
56	35½	GM Kalgoorli	54½	-1	...	2.5	13.4
19½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	-1½	...		
135	49	Grootvlei	133	-2	...	7.7	7.0
291	76	Harmony	291	+1	...		
307	57	Harties	302	+1	...	...	11.9
14	8½	Inoco▲	9½	...			
896	491	Impala Plat	882	-14	...	...	39.9
13½	6	Kerkmare Res▲	10½	...			
730	332	Kinross	718	-12	...	7.1	5.6
712	319	Kloof	690	-22	...	2.6	13.6
83	25	Leslie	80	-3	...	5.3	7.9
65	13	Loraine	65	...			
116½	67½	MIM	97½	-2	...	2.6	39.6
1060	830	Minorco	1039	-1	...	3.6	12.3
123½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	110½	-1	...	4.5	∞
1800	610	Orange Free	1675	-34½	...	7.9	∞
709	607	RTZ	639	...	...	4.1	24.0
590	425	Rand Mines	525	...	...	11.6	3.3
133	85	Rand Min Prp	130†	-10	...	14.1	5.8
448	190	Randfontein	425	-5	...	4.0	6.4
163	115	Renison	157	...	...	2.9	15.2
1150	850	Rustnbrg	1150	...	...	4.0	18.0
554	191	St Helena	539	-6	...	4.5	11.1
1250	475	Southvaal	1192	-58	...	4.9	20.5
82	18	Stilfontein	79	+1	...	7.8	14.1
157	58	Unisel	124	-3	...	2.5	12.0
4325	1800	Vaal Reefs	4225	-100	...	5.2	7.2
468	154	Welkom	449	-1	...	7.2	13.9
143	26	Western Areas	134	-9	...		
1600	587½	Western Deep	1512½	-62½	...	4.2	6.0
247	176	Wstrn Mining	238	-3	...		
762	323	Winkels	718	-12	...	1.4	5.8
64	56	Zambia Copper	63	-4	...		
42	42	Zandpan	42	...	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...			
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	273†	...	8.8	4.0	∞
150	120	Bostrom	149	...	6.0	5.0	26.4
338	165	Br Aerospace	324	+8	7.0	2.7	...
328	303	Caltyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	10.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9	...			
130	98	Central Mtrs	124	...	...	4.0	31.5
29	18	Clnx (DC)▲	27	+1	...		
235	156	Cowie (T)	222	-5	6.2	3.5	16.9
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
147	106	Davnprt Vero	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	212	...	4.9	...	
117	92	European Mtr	111	...	...	7.7	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	289	+5	11.2	4.9	44.5
290	225	FR Group	270	-1	7.2	3.4	∞
3631½	2643½	Ford Motor	3587½†	+100	...		
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2593½†	+50	...	1.9	...
54	38	Gowrings	54	+4	3.0	4.6	∞
150	85	Henlys	150	+2	3.0	2.5	...
875	650	Honda Motor	821	-11	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	21	-2	...		
106	66	Jessups	92	-1	4.5	6.2	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	136	...	3.3	3.1	∞
344	281	Lex Service	338	...	10.6	3.9	∞
117	85	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	137	-1	7.0	6.4	...
224½	224½	Pendragon	262	...	...	3.2	21.2
177	106	Perry Gp	176†	...	6.0	4.3	∞
153	108	Quicks Group	149	...	4.5	3.8	∞
150½	99	Rolls-Royce	148	+1	...	4.2	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
183	121	Westland	169	+3	4.2	3.1	14.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	∞
608	488	Blenheim Gp	547	+4	...	2.1	20.3
360	275	Bristol	360	...	11.5	4.0	26.7
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9150	-75	13.0	1.6	20.6
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9125	+50	13.0	1.8	20.5
305	251	Dorling Kind	258	+2	...	1.5	24.7
373	328	EMAP	355	-1	...	2.6	23.1
1023	873	Euromoney Pb	1023	...	29.5	3.6	22.8
237	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.7	16.7
358	273	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
290	226	Headline	290	+2	4.5	1.9	∞
140	105	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	∞
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	8½	-½	...		
8	6½	Intl Cm & Data	7½	...			
520	400	Independent	520	...	...	4.1	14.0
538	395	Johnston Press	538	...	6.2	1.5	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletn	278	-2	8.0	3.6	19.8
143	88	Mirror Gp	142	+2	...		
373	297	News Corp	339	-5	...	0.3	22.8
240	169	News Intl	225	...	...	0.5	15.6
452	354	Pearson	450	-1	...	3.3	27.4
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.0
686	618	Reed Int	647	-1	...	3.3	28.2
146	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
136	90	Sterling Pub▲	136	+1	...	2.3	44.9
378	328	Telegraph	378	+5	...	3.6	15.9
825	715	Thomson Corp	745†	+10	25.4	4.3	∞
350	313	Trinity Intl	350	...	8.7	3.1	21.0
39	34	Unit Group▲	36	...			
610	494	Utd Newspprs	588	+2	...	4.6	14.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet▲	17½	...			
34	17	Aran Energy	34	...			
61	38	Arcon Intl▲	51	-2	...		
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	57	...			
66	26	Aviva Pet	58	-1	...		
14	9	Beverley	10	...	0.8	...	
183	145	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
326	276	British Gas	292½	-1	14.2	6.1	14.7
326	225	Br Petroleum	315†	-1½	10.5	4.2	49.6
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...			
757	675	Burmah Castl	710	-7	...	4.4	17.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	63	-1	...	...	9.0
266	223	Calor Gp	243	-3	...	6.3	19.7
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	...			
35	27	Copiex Res	31	-1	...		
14½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas▲	14½	...			
521	397	Enterprise	475	-7	16.0	4.2	58.4
88	55	Exp Co Louis	69	-1	...		
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	31	...	...	1.8	11.8
67	45	Goal Pet	50½	...	1.4	3.5	9.7
33	18	Gt Western Res	33	+1	...		
168	108	Hardy O & G	166	...	1.0	0.8	52.1
40	18½	Kelt Energy	37	...			
195	141	LASMO	154	...	3.3	2.7	31.2
103	63	-do- Units	77	...	9.4	15.4	...
24	14½	Mid Sea Res▲	19	...			
46½	34	Monument	40½	...	...	...	74.5
14	6	New London	6½	...			
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
35	22	Oil Search	34	...			
14½	12	Petrol	12½	...			
110	99	Pict Pet	105	+1	...	...	14.6
29	18	Premier	27½	...	...	...	10.2
115	50	Presidio	105	...	...	5.5	...
368	290	Ranger	295	...	...	5.4	...
6050	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	5887½	+9½	...	5.5	13.8
4312½	3800	Schlumberger	4275	-34½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...			
614	515	Shell	610	+½	21.9	4.5	18.8

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
323	249	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	27.6
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	181	+2	...	4.5	17.8
503	408	Abbott Mead	503	+2	9.3	2.3	∞
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...			
31	13	Aegis Gp	30	...	1.3	5.7	...
212	155	Aspen Comm▲	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...			
339	234½	Bemrose	337†	+1	...	4.4	13.8
33	15	Birkdale	21	-1	0.2	1.2	17.8
138	118	Bunzl	131	...	4.0	3.6	∞
287	257	CIA Gp	257	...	...	2.1	16.2
257	116	Capital Inds	257	...	...	1.9	19.2
54	44	City of Lon▲	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	b	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...			
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	111	...	4.5	5.1	27.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	56	...	...	...	14.4
15½	12½	Elswick	14½	+½	0.3	2.6	∞
67	41	Fairway Group▲	64	...	...	6.2	18.9
304	271	Ferguson Intl	304	+6	12.5	5.1	17.5
105	92	Perry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	∞
107	74	Filofax▲	101	...	...	0.5	25.2
37	14	Flica	15	...			
100	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	95	...	...	6.6	16.6
295	247	Gold Greenless	280	-1	...	3.7	22.7
41	20	Goodhead	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
88	43	Hunterprint	78	-2	...		
185	136	Intereurope	185	...	7.4	5.1	12.2
235	191	Jarvis Porter	234	...	4.4	2.4	25.5
29½	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	∞
274	175	More O'Ferrall	259	+1	13.2	6.1	∞
90	48	NMC Group	89	+6	1.2	...	17.6
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	13.8
234	167	Quarto	230†	...	5.3	2.7	∞
347	319	St Ives Gp	320†	...	5.2	2.1	21.8
198	152	Saatchi	172	-1	...		
472	333	Sappi	411	...	...	8.9	∞
19½	11½	Serif▲	13½	...			
29½	14	Shandwick	21½	-½	...		
364	294	Smith David	350	-1	9.5	3.4	15.5
256	240	Smurfit (Jeff)	254	-4	...	1.8	∞
245	183	Sun-Plus	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
24	16½	Taylor Nelson	24	...	0.3	1.6	∞
53	38	VTR▲	53†	...	...	8.0	15.1
74	40	WPP	72	...	...	1.7	...
125	62	Wace	114	...	2.2	2.5	∞
221	203	Waddington (J)	216	...	7.9	4.6	16.3
660	540	Watmough	660	...	11.5	2.2	25.9
6½	4½	Wesporn▲	5½	...	...	...	19.7
22	12	Whinney Mck▲	21	...			
74	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	64	...	3.5	6.9	55.2
61	58	Arcadian	61	...			
73	54	Asda	71	+1	2.1	3.8	7.3
139	88	Avonside	128	+3	4.0	3.9	∞
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2287½	+12½	...		
535	396	Billon	515	+7	18.9	4.6	18.6
34	23	Bourne End	34	...	1.0	3.8	...
196	150	Bradford	196	+2	4.4	2.8	17.8
23	12	Bredero	18	-1	...	...	1.7
288	176	Br Land	286	+6	6.3	2.8	26.6
198	153	Brixton	188	+2	8.3	5.9	∞
59	45	Burford	59	...	...	2.4	...
151	99	Cap & Regnl▲	150†	...	...	0.9	∞
160	120	Cardiff Prop	160	+10	2.4	1.9	...
272	196	Chesterfield	272	-2	18.5	...	19.2
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3.6
14	10	Clayform	14	+1½	...		
1080	818	Daejan	1075	...	25.0	2.9	16.8
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	+½	...		
88	53	Debenham Twsn	78	...	2.5	4.0	28.3
13	4	De Morgan	8	+1	...		
108	76	Dencora	108	...	3.0	3.6	...
423	283	Derwent Hldgs	423	+10	8.6	2.5	32.7
225	170	Estates Agency	220	...	3.0	...	20.1
25	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...			
84	72	Evanbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	141	+2	4.1	3.7	13.5
34	11	Five Oaks	22½	+½	...		
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	295	Frogmore	386	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
140	97	Grainger	128	...	5.2	5.1	28.6
181	120	Gr Portland	180	+7	10.0	6.9	17.9
20	7½	Greycoat	20	...	5.2		
132	101	HK Land	130	-2	...	5.0	∞
74	35	Hambro Cntyw	73	...			
417	277	Hammerson	350†	+6	10.0	3.6	33.7
362	245	-do- 'A'	314†	+5	...	4.9	30.2
204	127	Helical Bar	204	...	...	2.9	...
26	19	Hemingway	22	...			
132	57	Herring Baker	59†	...	3.7	7.9	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...			
560	435	Land Sec	559	+11	...	5.3	15.1
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	97	+2	3.6	5.5	17.9
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...			
435	324	MEPC	436	+8	20.0	5.9	[illegible]
7½	5	McInerney▲	[illegible]	...			
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	[illegible]
7½	5	Marchesh	9½	1	0.5		
45	[illegible]	Merivale Mre	41	...	1.0		
5	[illegible]	Mount Ind	5 #	...			
[illegible]	30	Moorfield Es	30	...			
900	775	Mountview	900	+75	16.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
129	112	Muckow (A&J)	122†	...	5.9	5.6	[illegible]
40	30	Olive Hldgs	30	...	9.0	...	[illegible]
10½	4	Orion Est	6½	...	0.1	...	[illegible]
123	59	PSIT	116	+1	3.7	4.0	23.1
231	175	Peel	175	...	3.0	2.2	...
16	6	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
39	22	Property Trust	30	...			
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...			
39	21	Regalian	25	-2	1.5	7.5	4.4
135	110	Rosehaugh Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	22.4
37	16	St Modwen Prp	30½	...	0.6	2.5	22.2
61	39	Savills	5½	...			
60	34	Scot Met	50	+1	1.5	...	
82	39	Shaftesbury	82	...			
14½	5	Shield	11½	-½	...		
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	...	1.9	...
136	139½	Slough Estates	194	...	...	5.2	13.5
74	56	Southend Prop	71	+1	4.1	7.4	35.9
16	7	Speyhawk	13½	...			
27	16	Stanhope Prps▲	26	+1	...		
157	114	Tops Ests	154	...	2.0	1.6	54.1
105	79	Town Centre	103	+3	3.1	3.8	39.2
65	43	Trafford Park	62	+2	2.5	5.2	16.7
38	8	UK Land	21	-1	...		
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...			
224	180	Warner	222	...	10.5	6.1	19.6
199	168	Warnford	198	...	7.2	4.8	13.1
6	5½	Waterglade	6½	-½	...		
56	35	Wates	56	+1	0.7	1.7	...
73	40	Wood John D▲	75	+1			

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	18	...			
147	86	Headlam	140	+2	...	2.5	∞
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	∞
100	78	Pittard Garnar	79	...	2.0	7.2	22.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
150	69	Stylo	135	...	3.0	2.8	∞
55	53	UK Safety	55	...	...	23.9	1.5

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
465	406	Allied Text	455	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	58	...	4.7	...	11.5
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	156	...	8.5	6.9	∞
153	89	Celestion	152†	+3	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Charwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	339	...	7.2	2.7	21.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	541	+10	13.6	3.1	14.9
53½	24½	Cupid▲	33	...	...	13.5	3.9
248½	221	Dawson	231	...	9.0	4.9	22.5
30	22	Drummond	22	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	29	...			
72	65	Faupel▲	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
110	62	Gaskell	110	...	4.2	5.3	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	173	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	50	...			
337	249	Lamont	337	+1	12.0	4.6	21.7
461	351½	Leeds	461	+2	...	2.0	22.3
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	78†	...	4.9	7.9	9.9
128	69	Parkland 'A'	128	...	2.0	2.0	...
107½	80	Readicut	102½	+½	3.4	4.2	20.3
53	35	SEET	41	...			
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.9
61	45	Surling Gp	60	...	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	305	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	30	...	...	8.0	...
417	252	Yorklyde	408	+7	10.4	3.2	∞

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	844	-24	...	5.5	15.8
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	631	-15	10.2	2.0	14.4

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	349	Assoc Br Ports	414	...	...	2.6	...
813	732	BAA	748	+1	14.5	2.4	13.2
311	260	Br Airways	296½	-½	...	4.6	15.5
81	56	Clarkson (H)	75	...	1.5	2.5	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...			
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	395	+1	...		
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	128	...	4.5	4.4	...
181	147	IoM Steam	180	...	...	5.6	9.4
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.6	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.5	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	329	-1	7.5	2.8	21.1
210	181	Nall Express	207	...	...	4.3	∞
284	238	NFC	247	+1	6.5	3.3	18.8
302	241	Ocean Group	262	+8	14.3	6.5	...
53	42	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	593	+8	...	6.4	14.1
142	127	P & O 5½%	141	...	...	4.9	...
536	449	Powell Duffryn	533	+3	22.6	5.3	21.3
138	117	Seacon▲	135	...	...	4.7	8.5
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	42½	...			
765	624	Tibbet & Britm	750	+2	11.8	2.0	28.9
382	173	Tiphook	252	+3	17.3	8.6	5.0
298	240	TDG	241	+1	9.5	4.9	∞

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	475	+3	19.1	5.1	8.6
662	547	Northumbrian	591	+1	20.3	4.3	6.1
533	449	North West	486	+3	19.6	5.1	8.5
533	439	Severn Trent	477	-1	19.3	5.1	7.0
554	454	Sthn Water	490	+2	19.5	5.0	8.6
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	40.2	3.8	8.5
560	467	South West	499	...	21.7	5.4	7.5
563	468	Thames Water	498	+3	19.2	4.8	9.4
612	506	Welsh Water	556	+1	21.4	4.9	6.4
690	536	Wessex Water	571	+1	...	4.3	7.7
593	506	Yorkshire W	513	-3	19.5	4.8	6.3

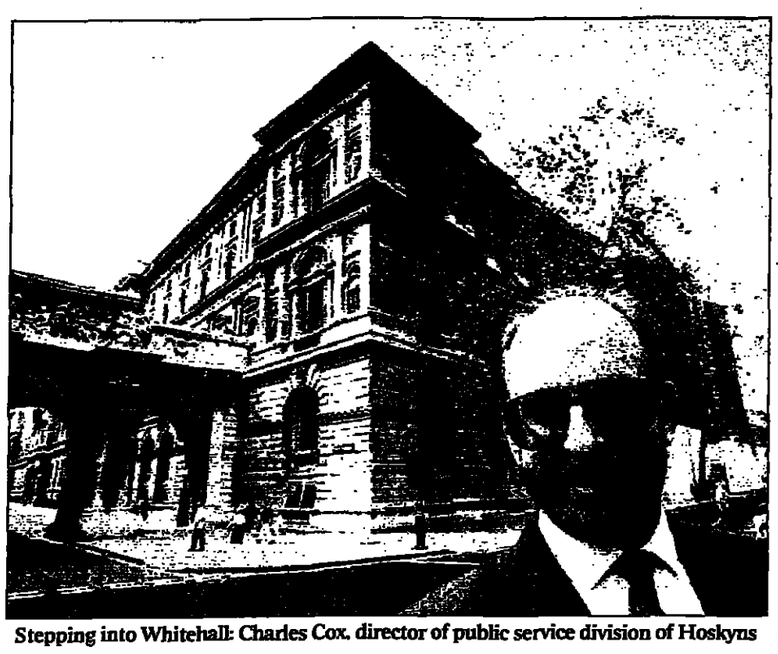
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FACILITIES
MANAGEMENT

Creative way to go to market

Lack of flexibility could hinder Whitehall's love affair with competition, writes **Derek Harris**


Stepping into Whitehall: Charles Cox, director of public service division of Hoskyns

Whitehall's market testing exercise — which is all about opening up the work of government departments to private sector competition — is due to reach the end of its lengthy first phase in the autumn. The idea was that, by then, bids would have been lodged for some £1.5 billion worth of departmental work. These bids would be submitted by in-house teams as well as the private sector.

Nearly half the work involves information technology and computer services. The bulk of preparatory work on market testing has been going on for 18 months. There are 350 departmental activities involved and 44,000 Civil Service jobs. Few of the private sector companies bidding expect everything to have been sorted out by the autumn.

That is the least of the market testing troubles, according to Charles Cox, the director of the public sector division at Hoskyns Group, one of the largest suppliers of computer services in the United Kingdom. Mr Cox has "worries and frustrations" about market testing.

Hoskyns is pitching hard for the Whitehall contracts but has plenty of competition from companies such as France's Sema, which has joined up with British Aerospace to exploit the defence market, America's Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and from Capita Group which has specialised in the local government IT market. Istel, the former computer arm of British Leyland and now part of AT&T, is another player.

Hoskyns believes market testing could double the size of the IT outsourcing market in the UK from its present £600 million. Mr Cox says much of the Whitehall IT work could go to the private sector, but he is anxious about the markedly different "cultures" of the public and private sectors. He also worries that contracts, which would normally run for at least five years and probably for seven or even ten years, could easily face a mid-life crisis because of lack of flexibility.

The different approaches of the private and public sectors have been underlined by the way service requirements are specified for prospective contracts. "Too often this is based on the current provision. That suppresses the scope for innovation and improvement while risking escalating inefficiency," Mr Cox says.

Internal bids for contracts, just as much as outside ones, are supposed to demonstrate an improvement on a current internal system, Mr Cox points out. "Government departments are accustomed to a procurement approach — one specification, everybody puts in a bid and the prices are compared. It may create a level playing field, but it absolutely kills any chance of something innovative being done."

Hoskyns, like some other contenders, has come up with a way of tackling inflexible specification. This is to put in two bids, one based on the specification and another suggesting a more innovative approach, allowing scope to meet future needs.

Here are the seeds of mid-life crisis for contracts, he believes. After a few years, a government department could find that its needs had radically altered. But the service provider would not be breaking the terms of the contract if rigidly set terms were followed even though that would in the new circumstances provide an inadequate, inefficient service.

"A number of large outsourcing contracts in the United States have failed recently for these reasons. If failures do occur here it will be in their mid-term."

Make the most of a moving experience

A facilities management team, built up over five years by Coopers & Lybrand, Britain's biggest firm of accountants and management consultants, was a key part of a project group which has just completed Britain's biggest office move of recent years.

More than 5,500 people were moved over five months to concentrate London staff in three main locations. "It was like moving a small army with all its baggage, yet disruption had to be kept to a minimum," Colin Sully, one of five senior facilities managers, says.

C&L was able to mount its own in-house project management team because, in addition to its facilities managers, it has a corps of consultants which advises outside clients on construction projects, surveying and allied matters.

It took 14 months to complete the project from inception. There were 130 separate moves at weekends starting in August last year. The busiest weekend move saw 450 people moved from nine locations into four different buildings. Yet throughout the moves, 95 per cent of personnel were operational by 10am on the Monday morning.

More than 3,500 PCs and 1,000 network printers had to be moved, with 40 per cent of furniture also relocated.

Embankment Place, behind Charing Cross station, called for the fitting out of 350,000 sq ft of newly-completed offices, meeting rooms and catering areas. This fit-out, creating accommodation for 3,200 people, cost £14.4 million excluding furniture cost and fees. Some 200,000 sq ft of occupied office space at Plumtree Court and St Andrew's House was refurbished.

Army-style logistics are needed when 5,500 staff switch offices

At Embankment Place, it was decided to use the latest technology for entry and exit of staff and visitors. Cards or tags are issued, each with an encoded number that can be "read" using radio waves, even if the tag is in a pocket or handbag.

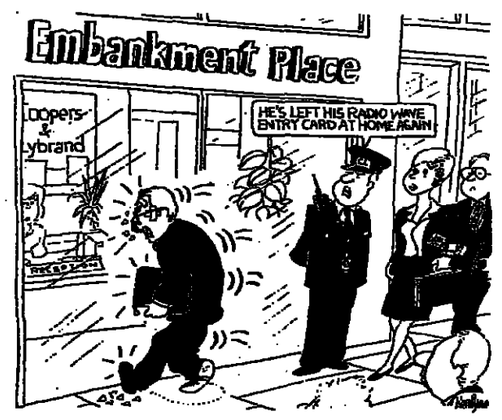
There are additional checkpoints around the buildings so the location of an individual can be pinpointed. The possibility of tagging equipment is being looked at. It would be particularly useful to keep an up-to-date log of laptop computers travelling out of and into the building.

In tandem with the relocations — at one time C&L had more than a dozen different buildings in use — there was a reassessment of business policies and work practices. This has led to enhanced efficiency and reduced overheads. There are some obvious savings. Fewer buildings means a reduced need for reception staff. Servicing needs are more streamlined. The number of maintenance contracts is already being whittled down and it would now be a practical possibility to have a single contract for the London buildings, according to Mr Sully.

Auditors and consultants spend considerable periods outside the office so some work stations are shared by up to six people. What has also reduced costs and increased efficiency is use of open plan offices. All London workstations are now on a single communication network. Only partners get dedicated offices.

The open plan approach has been broadly welcomed because it seems to have made it easier to communicate and secure easy access to colleagues. Creating more logical work clusters has also helped. Auditors, consultants with tax and other specialists can for example have a common interest if they deal with various aspects of a particular industrial sector. Being able readily to discuss issues is especially valuable.

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Shrink those costs

MORE than half the companies which turn to facilities management in the hope of gaining strategic advantages report cost savings, according to a new survey.

The second annual survey conducted into facilities management by the Computer Management Group (CMG) found that one in three of bigger British companies use outsourcing, up from 25 per cent last year. Only 15 per cent reported cost increases after a switch to outsourcing through facilities management. Nearly one-third reported no change and 56 per cent recorded cost savings.

Three-quarters of the organisations surveyed — in both public and private sectors — said it was a gain to be able to concentrate on core business. Nearly half said facilities management meant they had greater financial control of their operations.

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There will also be special emphasis on outsourcing services in the public sector. This will cover central government departments, local authorities and the health service with its emerging trusts structure.

The exhibition will be the biggest so far, with more than 160 stands. Among the systems highlighted are security, disaster recovery, cashless vending and tagging of equipment. Magnet Exhibitions is organising the event, which is supported by the Association of Facilities Managers and the Institute of Facilities Management. A conference will run in conjunction with the exhibition.

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Paper cast in the out tray

An experimental switch to electronic records could create the paperless office at a medical insurance group, reports

Rodney Hobson



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Record time: an operator inputs a document, watched by John de Lucy, PPP's deputy property services manager

It looks like an old-fashioned jukebox. A mechanical arm comes down and makes a selection from a row of discs. What comes out, however, is not a pop tune but a document, which is transmitted to a computer screen.

The system, a major step towards cutting down the mountain of paperwork in offices, has completed a year's trial at Private Patients Plan (PPP), the health insurance group. The scheme will now be evaluated and John de Lucy, the deputy property services manager of PPP, hopes that it can be expanded to the company's three regional offices and 30 smaller offices.

The new equipment is an imager that scans documents and stores them in digitalised form within a computer system. The imager can be used for photographs as well as medical reports and routine correspondence. The documents can then be called up on screen by clerical staff and can even be printed out again if necessary, for example if the return of a document was requested at a later date.

PPP has been trying the system out at its headquarters in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, since March last year. Joe Croker, who is in charge of special projects in the information services division, says: "It is the aim of PPP to reduce paperwork and the imager is one of the ways we are looking at. The machine scans a document rather like a photocopier, but it captures the information electronically and stores it. Nothing should leave our post-room in its original form."

He says that a company such as PPP handles an enormous number of documents, which must be stored in a way that allows easy access to them. PPP must also ensure that access to sensitive documents is restricted to protect patients' confidentiality. The efficiency of the office can be improved compared with a paper-based system. The computer can distribute work among clerical staff so that a clerk can press a button and the next piece of work in his queue comes onto his screen automatically.

Mr de Lucy says that there are other areas where the imager system provides advantages. He says: "We had to employ messengers to move pieces of paper round the building and between other sites. I know from personal experience that moving paper means vans and people, and all the rest that goes with it. The imager can also replace our existing microfiche storage system."

Imagers work at varying speeds. The most expensive can handle documents in bulk, picking them up individually at high speed, using a vacuum process. Cheaper models need to be fed one document at a time, and work at the speed of a photocopier. It is possible to find scanners that will read both sides of a sheet of paper.

Some can read bar codes, a system that is being considered by PPP to record assets such as office furniture. Depreciation could be recorded automatically, and, if a piece of equipment broke down, the computer would know if the guarantee was still valid. Any number of scanning units could be incorporated into the system but PPP has used just one in conjunction with 12 workstations.

The imager that has been on trial is linked to the company's mainframe computer but provides a personal computer (PC) system for the clerical staff. Mr Croker says: "We need to have intelligent workstations but the clerk can call up any information from the mainframe that he could with our old system. Information can be passed between the mainframe and the PC."

Mr Croker says the system has been well received by staff. He says: "The clerks did need a fair amount of training in the use of the workstation but they adapted readily to not having pieces of paper. The majority are enthusiastic and would not want to go back to paper."

While the pilot scheme awaits the company's blessing, Mr de Lucy and Mr Croker are cautious about counting on an extension, but they are clearly both convinced of the imager's merits.

Mr Croker says: "In PPP we never do anything that is not justified in terms of cost. We are very particular not to waste our members' money. The equipment is expensive but the gains can be big as well."

Mr de Lucy says: "There is no reason why it could not be expanded to include peripheral functions such as correspondence and processing claims." Mr Croker agrees: "Every bit of paper could be on the computer. We could, say, ask the computer for every letter that we had ever written to such and such a person and they would come up on the screen."

Mr Croker says: "Most of our customers are business people and they have their own technology. We are doing a lot of work with the providers of health care and with other insurers to establish one common electronic data interchange system. Transmitting membership details has been going on for some time. Now we are trying to establish permanent links while maintaining proper security."

Such a system has been largely achieved by large retail chains in cooperation with the banks. Mr Croker says: "Anyone who deals with any volume of paper could do their work this way. The basic technology is widely available." Refurbishment of PPP buildings to cope with new technology means that adequate wiring is in place and PPP is already linked to a number of networks, Mr de Lucy says.

Health and safety can get buried under the regulations

More safety, fewer words

A whole new national and international industry has grown up like a virulent clinging ivy on the body of health and safety regulation, delegates to the facilities management conferences at Olympia will be told next month.

Tony Heybourn, director of premises management at Robert Fleming, the financial services group, will explain that the "clinging ivy" has grown from "the very laudable, simple and necessary desire to weld employer and employee together to create a safe and healthy working environment and simultaneously encourage and insist on safe and healthy working practices".

However, he will add: "The paper and words needed to spell out this message have become voluminous and complicated in the extreme because of the need for the word to be enforceable by law."

Mr Heybourn says the legislation in Westminster and Brussels does give responsible companies the opportunity to demonstrate that they are caring employers. He says some employers comply only as far as they are compelled to do so, but others are making genuine efforts to meet the spirit and the intent of the new rules.

He thinks the number and scope of the regulations is reasonable but adds: "With so many people reading and directing and interpreting the rules in different ways, difficulties can arise. The problem is trying to write specific regulations that cover such a wide range of issues. The regulations are, of necessity, rather verbose."

The legislation has put great demands on the regulators as well as individual companies. The local environment officer and Health and Safety Executive officials visit premises and Mr Heybourn says he keeps in contact with them. But he suspects that the workload is so great that they can only deal with the more serious breaches of regulations rather than head off potential problems.

While Mr Heybourn is broadly in favour of the tougher climate, he points out that compliance can be at considerable cost and has to be balanced against the needs of an individual business.

"The real difficulties that arise are in determining what is reasonable. The health and safety officer in each company is the man who runs the gauntlet. He is expected to do what is right and reasonable. There is only a slender element of case law at the moment and only serious cases have come to court so far."



Aware: Tony Heybourn

Keeping records of safety checks and measures taken is vital in case something does go wrong. Mr Heybourn says: "In normal circumstances you are innocent until proven guilty. With health and safety it is almost the opposite."

The rapid spread of technology in the financial services sector has made Robert Fleming particularly conscious of regulations covering electrical installations. The firm occupies a modern building in Copthall Avenue in the City where wiring is out of harms way under the floorboards. Every carpet tile has beneath it four electric sockets, four telephone points and four computer connections.

Some companies in other sectors, he admits, are cutting safety costs. Mr Heybourn says: "I get into many open forums with my peers and I do hear some pretty alarming stories. We are now into our third year of testing small appliances. A number of companies that have not even begun yet."

He does sympathise with smaller companies, saying: "Robert Fleming has got to have people of a high standard and awareness in order to perform its business. If a company does not generally need experts, who does it assign its responsibilities to?

"I meet fellow members of the Association of Facilities Managers and get feedback. My awareness is wide and deep. But how does the health and safety representative raise his awareness if he does not have people of that standing around him?"

He points out that health and safety regulations can be equally onerous to a home owner. He says: "You might have a house guest who injured himself. You have got to show that you took reasonable care of him."

Another dilemma facing health and safety officers is finding the time to read all about the new regulations. Mr Heybourn says: "You can't afford to read everything that comes through the post and you can't afford not to. I speed read everything and put a circle round anything that leaps out, and get advice from the relevant expert such as an engineer or a solicitor." Pamphlets issued by the Health and Safety Executive are particularly useful and well written.

Mr Heybourn will tell next month's conference that the person in a company responsible for health and safety will need to be in control of, and not be overwhelmed by, the outpourings of legislators, advisers, consultants, specialists, sales and marketing representatives — and "all manner of people trying to get their foot into the door to provide a service that you may or may not need".

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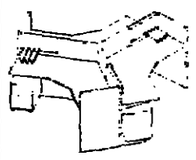
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A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at the above address no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Should any creditor require a copy of the Report to Creditors prior to this meeting, they can request one by writing to Toby Seth at the above address.
Dated this day 14 May 1993
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Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
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A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 2nd Floor, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two busines days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 13th May 1993
Ian J. Kent - Director

No. 230 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF
TCS HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition on 7th May 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the paid up share capital of the above-named company from £50,094,700 to £19,579 and the cancellation of the share premium account of the Company, the capital having been lost or being unrepresented by available assets.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Judge O'Donoghue at 10.30 a.m. on Friday the 28th day of May 1993 at the Leeds District Registry.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 17th day of May 1993.
BOOTH & CO
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Solicitors
for the above named Company

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
CBI Packaging Limited
Registered number: 906892
Former company name: CBI Laboratories Limited Nature of business: Manufacturing industry Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 12 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. John Administrative Receivers: Roger Marsh and Gordon Christopher Horsfield (office holder nos. 5975 and 5599). Address: Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court Leeds LS1 2SN.

MANAGEMENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
On 12 May 1993 the company was placed into members' voluntary liquidation and Jacqueline B Stephenson of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kennick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 30 June 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that she will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated 14 May 1993
Jacqueline B Stephenson, Liquidator

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SECTION 63
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Dated the 10th day of May 1993
C.A. Knook, Senior Trustee

MR JONATHAN HIDE Formerly of 26 Park Road, Cheam, Surrey, ENGLAND. Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of the above mentioned kindly contact: Ms. Miller 1/306/266 /9799, PO Box 650865, Miami, FL 33165 or Ramper-sad 647/5972, Trinidad W I

Drama on the box

The BBC is lagging behind ITV in its commissioning of original drama, reports Alexandra Frean





Highs and lows: ITV's *Peak Practice*, with Kevin Whately and Amanda Burton (left), reached 12.7m viewers while only 6.29m watched Oliver Cotton and Deborah Grant in *Westbeach* (BBC)

ITV has responded to the BBC's stated aim of becoming a "National Theatre of the Airwaves" with a raft of home-produced, peak-time dramas which are both beating the Corporation in the ratings war and creating a massive "drama deficit" between the two broadcasters.

Figures released this week show that ITV screened 149 hours of original first-run drama in the first three months of this year — more than double the 66 hours broadcast by BBC1.

According to David Graham & Associates, the independent research company, ITV also commissioned or produced an extra 16 hours of new drama programming in the same period, against an extra 15 hours from BBCs 1 and 2 combined. Nine of the corporation's extra hours were, however, provided by *Eldorado*, which is to be discontinued in July.

At a time when it is reeling from the dismal performance of three new flagship dramas, the findings raise questions about the BBCs commitment to drama and its ability to pick winning formulas.

The Broadcasters Audience Research Board (BARB) says that viewing figures for *A Year in Provence*, BBC1's Sunday night drama starring John Thaw, dropped from 14 million for its first episode in February to 3.7 million by May 2, knocking it out of the top 100 programmes.

BARB's figures also show that BBC1's Friday night light-hearted drama, *The Riff Raff Element*, attracted just 4 million viewers in the last week of April, while the Saturday series *Westbeach*, a family saga set in a fictional British holiday resort, ranked 69th with 6.27 million viewers.

Even the BBC's critically acclaimed hospital drama *Casualty* appears to be running out of steam, with repeats attracting 7.72 million on the Friday of the same week. Last week it fell to 7.1 million.

Over the same period, the top seven television dramas were all from ITV, topped by *Heartbeat*, Yorkshire television's Sunday evening series about a village policeman in the 1960s, which attracted nearly 15 million viewers.

Since the end of April, ITV has gone on to score more drama successes with *Peak Practice*, Central Television's new Monday night drama starring Kevin Whately, which has attracted an estimated 12.7 million viewers in its first two episodes. *Sharpe's Rifles* and *Sharpe's Eagles*, another Central production, attracted an estimated average of 9 million viewers.

> **'We have nailed our flag to the mast of challenging and "difficult" drama'**

To Vernon Lawrence, ITV controller of drama and entertainment, the network's success is largely due to its recognition of the attraction of home-produced "typically British" drama such as *The Darling Buds of May* and *Inspector Morse*.

Although quality dramas do not necessarily deliver all the top-rated programmes — game and personality-based shows such as London Weekend's *Surprise Surprise* hosted by Cilla Black regularly rank in the top 20 of the BARB charts — they have a high loyalty value for viewers.

In the case of commercial channels, quality drama delivers a relatively well-educated, better-off audience to potential advertisers.

David Beadle, media development director of The Media Factor agency, believes this distinction will become more important in the multi-channel age. "If the BBC and ITV are to compete effectively in a multi-channel environment they have to concentrate on the core functions which cable and satellite cannot match, such as drama, and leave the cheaper and 'easier' functions such as game shows, to the newcomers," he says.

"Of course, ITV and BBC still need to produce popular mass-appeal programmes and as subscription TV develops there could well be greater opportunities for cable and satellite to offer drama to those prepared to pay."

Acutely aware of this and stung by its high-profile disappointments such as *A Year in Provence*, the BBC is making a significant effort to close the drama deficit with ITV.

In its document *Extending Choice*, published this year, restoring the BBC's place as "the primary focus of broadcast drama" is a key objective. In particular, the corporation is hoping that its three forthcoming serials based on classic novels — D H Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, George Eliot's *Middlemarch* and Stendhal's *The Scarlet and the Black* — will demonstrate that.

A BBC spokesman said that while it did not have the financial resources of ITV, the corporation was committed to a wider range of drama than just the popular programme strands which have done so well for independent television.

"We have nailed our flag very firmly to the mast of 'difficult' and challenging dramas such as the BBC2 Screenplay *The Snapper*, which won a standing ovation at the Cannes film festival this week," he said.

He insisted, however, that the BBC does not necessarily see popular drama as the stimulus for a ratings recovery. That admission must come as music to the ears of ITVs chiefs. But what good will it do the BBC's viewing figures?

Hold the front page: a restaurant has opened

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

There is no fiercer battle in Fleet Street than the daily war between *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* — as was demonstrated again last week when *The Sun* robbed the *Mirror* of its latest royal "scoop". The *Daily Star*, the third player in the mass market, was left trailing.

Sales of all three papers are slumping — they fell by nearly a million during the recession as spending power among mass tabloid readers was sharply cut. So the competition is becoming ever more desperate. With six out of ten readers buying their paper at newsstands it is the front pages that are the most vital weapons in capturing readers for their daily fix of sex and sensation.

Normally there would have been no doubt yesterday that the Beverley Allitt case was the best candidate for the front pages — and that was the decision of the *Daily Mirror* ("I survived Angel of Death's poison needle", coupled with Sail to France Free).

The Sun made a different decision, perhaps reckoning that the Allitt case was stale news after the television news bulletins and readers would be tempted by a paper offering something more original. It therefore splashed on the opening of the Planet Hollywood restaurant in London with the headline "20,000 Go Arnie Barmy" over a picture of Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone — an attempt to win the vital young readers, seedcorn of the future.

On such snap daily decisions rest thousands of casual sales and millions of pounds of revenue. When *The Sun* broke its royal scoop last week — the alleged transcript of an argument between the Prince and Princess of Wales which many believe to be a fake — sales were boosted by about 40,000.

When the *Daily Mirror* responded the next day, its sales went up by about 35,000.

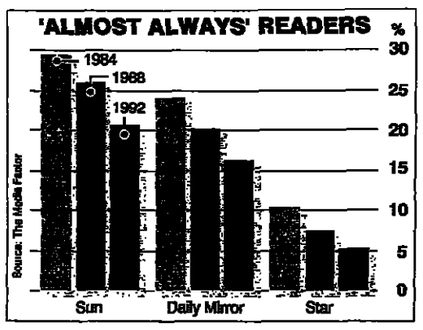
The best news for the *Daily Mirror* from the April report of the Audit Bureau of Circulation is that its sales since January appear to have stabilised, albeit after spending millions on television promotion. Over the past four months they have fallen by only 7,000 compared with 16,000 for *The Sun*. Sales of its Scottish stablemate, the *Daily Record*, are also up.

APRIL 1993: THE SALES

Paper	Av Daily Sale	Compared to April '92	%+/-	% Market share
Sun	3,541,617	-28,945	-0.81	30.5
Mirror	2,693,720	-209,415	-7.21	23.20



'ALMOST ALWAYS' READERS %



On every other count *The Sun* is winning. Its sales last month were up on March by 38,000 compared with 2,100 for the *Mirror*. Year-on-year in April, sales in the mass daily market were down by 3.7 per cent. Against that, sales of *The Sun* were down by 29,000 (0.8 per cent) compared with 209,000 (7.2 per cent) for the *Mirror* and 32,400 (4 per cent) for the *Daily Star*. *The Sun* has more than half the 'pop' market. The gap between *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* has widened over the past year from 668,000 to 848,000.

The National Readership Survey, analysed by The Media Factor, suggests some of the reasons. *Sun* readers are younger — almost 45 per cent are under 34 compared with 37 per cent of *Mirror* readers. More of them buy the paper more often than its two rivals. Fewer have dropped it during the recession.

Under its new chief executive David Montgomery, the *Mirror* Group has performed a minor management miracle, albeit at the expense of savage sackings of journalists and a loss of political passion. Its profits are increasing and the administrator who controls 54 per cent of MGN is said to be planning to sell his stake this autumn in a public offer, valuing the holding at nearly £300 million.

The *Daily Mirror* is also showing more editorial muscle, with new daily inserts. Its recent Swots Guide for GCSE students was brilliant tabloid journalism. Yet if it is to carry the battle to *The Sun* it has obviously got to fight the relentless daily battle still harder.

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James Galway, soloist with a small American orchestra, shows he has lost none of his charm



Hollywood's steely lady

Demi Moore found 45 minutes in a hectic round of interviews to talk to **Matt Wolf** — about the hazards of being interviewed

It is teatime on Monday afternoon, and the Demi Moore roadshow is running late. Not, mind you, that the bankable young star of *Indecent Proposal* is to blame. As the phalanx of publicists, studio folk and hangers-on are quick to point out, she is "a real pro, a great lady, a very savvy woman".

Savvy indeed, since an hour facing up to 60 Fleet Street veterans is nobody's idea of a pleasant afternoon. "Even presidents don't give a press conference that long," cracks super-publicist Pat Kingsley, in town for the occasion.

Nor, as it turns out, does Moore: arriving 25 minutes late — the apparent explanation is that the lights blew during an earlier TV interview, thereby throwing off an entire day of appointments — she spends another 25 fielding queries amid a whirl of tape-recorders. How does she feel about husband Bruce Willis's endless vilification by the press? Comes the *sotto voce* reply: "It probably affects you more than me." Undoubtedly.

Moore certainly does her best to guard against too many such moments. Journalists granted "one on one" interviews must sign a "consent agreement" agreeing not to probe into personal matters. One wonders what is considered personal: is it safe to ask when she arrived in England?

A request for a picture is met with a list of photographers whom Moore deems suitable: all command fees proportional to an actress whose new film took £1.57 million in its opening weekend in Britain. Eventually conceding that such demands are unrealistic, Moore poses graciously for a *Times* photographer, but is at pains to point out afterwards why such control must remain an essential component of the marketing of Moore.

"The most difficult thing is realising the areas in which there are precedents about how things work," says the 30-year-old actress from New Mexico. "The newspaper will not give me the same space if I don't let them have a photograph I cannot control. But then again, I'm now subject to somebody else's choice — and yet it's about me, and of me. To me, that doesn't seem to be right. OK, you give in this time and keep your fingers crossed that they use a good one and not a bad one."

But surely anyone who has posed for those two much-discussed *Vanity Fair* magazine covers — one a naked portrait when she was heavily pregnant, the other as a human painting — knows that working the press is a two-way street. "Obviously you learn a little bit more as you go along about how it can work to your advantage. The *Vanity Fair* case was probably the most successful of that kind of endeavour: it exposed something about who I am that I don't think I could have communicated if I did hundreds and hundreds of interviews. It represented a playful part of my personality, a part able to have self-mockery, and it showed somebody that was in charge of their life."

A perfect symbiosis, then, of the star and the system? Not quite. "The fact is the articles were just horrible, both of them, just horrible." The second piece, says Moore, required "eight days of my life, including another body shooting which they didn't use: I let them come to where my family were on vacation. It's not that I need to have a sugar-coated story; it's just a matter of attitude."

> 'Control must remain an essential part of the marketing of Moore'

Small wonder that Moore turned down a third *Vanity Fair* offer to be on the August cover. "It was up to me to come up with something, and I passed." Yet if the experience casts a cloud, Moore sees through to the silver lining. "When I walked away from it, I found the advantage to me: people only remember the photograph."

As she well knows from inhabiting a medium of images, words are always the first to fade. It's not the silly voice-over narration of *Indecent Proposal* that anyone will recall; it's the indelible footage of Moore and co-star Woody Harrelson cavorting in a Las Vegas bedroom, limbs thrashing against newly-won (and easily lost) cash.

Following *Ghost* and *A Few Good Men*, the film is Moore's third box office smash in a career that has had its share of flops (*No Small Affair*, *The Butcher's Wife*) and brought the star criticism for making demands that her status at the time had yet to justify. *Indecent Proposal* should still such objections, since Moore fought hard for the role and, in Hollywood terms at least (if not critical ones), has won.

"My career has certainly not been any overnight success," says the actress, who not long ago was one of an assortment of brat-pack performers (Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson etc), many of whom seem to have gone the way of the Reagan-Bush era that launched them. "It still feels like it's being chipped out a little bit at a time." Being female is difficult, young and female even more so. "Women are now the minority, and they never used to be. That is what's changed: in the Thirties and Forties, it was always the female star first. But I believe you get done what you set out to do if you have perseverance; I guess I don't ever have the attitude that I can't do it."

Might that attitude help explain the press sobriquet, "Gimme", that continues to beset her? (The nickname, by the way, scans improperly with her own, which is accented on the second syllable.) Moore is candid about her reputation for being demanding. "The way I am in general is that I don't just, kind of, show up [on the set]. It's hard for me to do that, although I'm sure they'd like me to. As a young woman, you're taken less seriously because you've got a greater cross to bear."

To this end, Moore's company, Rufglen Films, has some 15 projects in development, including an adaptation of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter* written by Frederic Raphael. A biography of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger is also on tap, as are various romantic comedies, animated films and children's projects. Likely to precede all this is her Broadway debut in the autumn, in a classic play she won't yet name.

Moore's one co-production credit to date, Alan Rudolph's *Mortal Thoughts*, teaming her and Willis, was a flop, but the actress insists on the benefits of increased control. "Being able to have a label of producer gave me a proper name to have an opinion, and then I no longer became opinionated. I realised, boy this is a lot easier to do it this way: I don't have to fight. I don't have to worry that my voice is important." And with that the 45 minutes allotted for Moore's own voice are up.

Still, one can only wonder why she does do this, enduring what literally has been a world tour of questioning. "In truth, I don't need to do this, except in so far as it serves the ultimate goal, which is when those handful of roles come my way, then I'll get to have as close a first chance as anybody else. If this makes a difference to that, then I'm serving what I really want to do. What it all represents is business. If you can get people to come see a movie, then you can get a greater choice of roles to do the acting you really want."

CHRIS HARRIS



Demi Moore: "My career has certainly not been any overnight success," she says, "It still feels like it's being chipped out a little bit at a time. But I don't ever have the attitude that I can't do it"

ARTS BRIEFING

Bugles in sad shires

SHREWSBURY is preparing to celebrate one of Shropshire's most famous sons, the war poet Wilfred Owen who was born 100 years ago. The highlight of the centenary festival (June 8-13) will be the unveiling of a new Owen memorial in the grounds of Shrewsbury Abbey on the morning of June 12. Called *Symmetry*, it has been sculpted by Paul de Monchaux, who won the commission after a competition organised by the Public Art Commissions Agency. Monchaux based his granite sculpture on one of Owen's most celebrated poems, "Strange Meeting", and the line "I am the enemy you killed, my friend" is engraved on it.

● A GOLDEN period for the composer Jonathan Harvey. His new opera, *Inquest of Love*, is in rehearsal at the London Coliseum in preparation for its premiere next month by English National Opera. Now comes news that he has won the 1993 Britten Award for Composition. The 53-year-old professor of music at Sussex University won the £10,000 award for a song-cycle *Song Offerings* which he wrote in 1985.

On the waterfront

THE launch of Canals 200 — a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the 1793 canal-building boom — will give a boost to one unusual group of peripatetic thespians. They are the Mikron Theatre Company from Huddersfield, which has been touring the 1,500 miles of Britain's waterways in a narrowboat each summer since 1972, exploring watery themes in drama and songs at riverside locations. On Friday, beside the canal at Rickmansworth, they will open in *Threads of Revolution*, a musical play depicting the frenzied days of the 1790s canal mania.

Last chance . . .

TELL it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon, but many Italian critics maintain that the Russian tenor Vladimir Atlantov produces the most authentically Verdian Otello sound today. Atlantov is currently trumpeting his way through Elijah Moshinsky's spectacular production at Covent Garden (071-240 1911/1066), with Katia Ricciarelli repeating her touchingly vulnerable Desdemona and that outstanding Verdian Sir Edward Downes in the pit.

OPERA IN EUROPE: Lyons reopens its opera house with reconstructed Debussy and mangled Offenbach; plus a Steve Reich premiere in Vienna

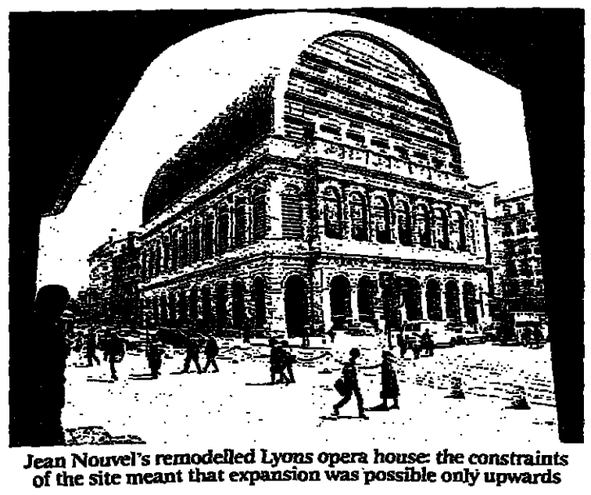
From new heights to a new low

After a closure of six years Lyons, the second city of France, has rebuilt and reopened its 19th-century opera house. The cost of Ffr 478 million, half borne by the city, half by central and regional government, is modest, very modest indeed compared to the vast sums spent on the Bastille.

The greatest constraint was the site opposite the glorious Hôtel de Ville: there was no way of expanding it. So the architect Jean Nouvel has expanded upwards, crowning the original façade with a huge double glass roof. The result is undeniably handsome, far more so than the monstrous carbuncle that disfigures the similarly constricted Monnaie in Brussels. But Covent Garden must be counting its blessings in having space on at least one side for expansion.

The interior is completely remodelled. The auditorium has been enlarged from 800 seats to 1,300 — roughly the scale of the Glyndebourne operation — and rehearsal rooms, studios and a small auditorium have somehow been included. Technically it is an extraordinary feat.

At this stage the good news starts to grow more scarce. Auditorium and foyers are in shiny black and savagely underlit: it is virtually impossible, once seated (none too comfortably), to read your programme, and the general atmosphere is hideously gloom-laden. Main access is via a series of narrow escalators: the six balconies may be reached (and escaped from) on [illegible] suspended metal staircases



Jean Nouvel's remodelled Lyons opera house: the constraints of the site meant that expansion was possible only upwards

and are lit in lurid red — it is like being trapped in the Nibelheim of a Harry Kupfer production of *Rheingold*. One grimly foresees an inevitable further period of closure simply to make the interior less hazardous and oppressive, more user-friendly.

Back to the good news. The building's acoustics are excellent, and Lyons boasts a first-rate orchestra and chorus and a tradition of exceptional music directors — John Eliot Gardiner from 1983, and Kent Nagano since 1988. Nagano's conducting of the two opening performances last Friday and Saturday could hardly be [illegible] heard. As fascinating as the foretastes of *Pelléas* are the echoes of Mussorgsky and — more surprising — Borodin. A recording is promised.

The cast was strong: Laurence Dale and Donna Brown in the title roles, Jean-Philippe Courtis and Jules Bastin as the warring fathers, and Vincent Le Texier as the King. Georges Lavaudant's production was functional, no more, with occasional outbursts of (intentional?) surrealism, and Jean-Pierre Vergier's restrictive permanent set in a, well, rather grey shade of grey, did not make this the most festive of openings.

Rather that, though, than what took the stage the following evening under the title of *Des Contes d'Hoffmann*, in which Louis Erlo and his dramaturge Michel Vitroz did a Peter Brook on Offenbach's defenceless score, i.e. cut it down to under two hours and played what was left without interval. The action was played in a lunatic asylum, the ultimate cop-out in that you don't even have to try to convey what the piece is about: a series of chic images will do instead. Worries about the boundaries of taste arise, though, in the use of mental illness in the theatre, and the portrayal of Olympia as a traumatised paraplegic crossed several of them.

It was sad to see singers of the distinction of Barbara Hendricks, Natalie Dessay, José van Dam, Gabriel Bacquier and, in the title role, the promising young tenor Daniel Galvez-Vallejo involved in this witless farrago.

Voices in search of harmony

In 1988, when Steve Reich's *Different Trains* for string quartet and recorded voices was played for the first time, the composer spoke of his hope that it would lead to a "new kind of documentary video music theatre". Now the promise is fulfilled in *The Cave*, which had its first performance last Saturday in Vienna's Messepalast and will come to the South Bank in August.

As in *Different Trains*, much of the material consists of snippets of speech-melody, doubled and imitated in this case by an ensemble of four singers, string quartet, two woodwind players and a typical Reichian assembly of percussion and keyboards, all precision-controlled by the conductor Paul Hillier to chime with the videotapes of the speakers. Word becomes note. Language is translated into music in a way that is both unusually direct and curiously automatic.

This is one expression of Reich's documentary faithfulness to the voices that he and his collaborator (also his wife), Beryl Korot, collected. Voices, voices — quilts of voices — give *The Cave* its being, and their utterances and musical echoes, beyond all that they immediately say, seem to be repeating the opening of St John's Gospel: "In the beginning was the word." It is a solemnly appropriate message to be hearing in a piece concerned with two word-centered faiths, those of Judaism and Islam. Words generate the musical ideas. Further words lie behind these recorded words, since what all the dozens of videotaped respondents are talking about is the gallery of stories associated with a name the voices differently speak as Abraham or Ibrahim

questions to the people they interviewed in Jerusalem, Hebron, New York and Austin during the four years of the work's preparation, asking "Who is Abraham?", and the same for Sarah, Hagar, Isaac and Ishmael. *The Cave* resounds with the different, sometimes discordant, answers that came back.

In that respect, the piece fits its title. Listening to it is like tuning into the words that have been spoken, and that go on reverberating, in some great cavern: new words and old words, the words of living people and the words of the Old Testament and the Koran.

Reich's *Cave* is also a cave in its physical layout for performance. John Arnone's set is a functional metal scaffolding that provides a vertical chequerboard of five screens for video display and several apertures for musicians, with, down below, a cavity for the string quartet, two pianos and some of the percussion.

But the title's most direct reference is to the cave of Machpelah, in the West Bank town of Hebron, which is reputedly the burial place of Abraham and Sarah, and which is the site of the only place of worship in the world where Jews and Muslims can pray together, or at any rate simultaneously.

The Jewish first act is almost as long as the other two put together, increased by the fact that it is also discontinuous. Sections of interview material shuffle on and off to be replaced by episodes from Genesis and the Midrash that are either sung or else slapped onto the screens, syllable by syllable, in time with percussion music. All the time Korot's video show keeps ruthlessly to the music's course.

The perseverance continues into the second act, which moves from Jews and Genesis to Arabs and the Koran. In keeping with their documentary idealism, Reich and Korot register the divergences between the Israeli and Arab acts without emphasis or commentary.

As Reich has said: "We can't solve the problems of the Middle East." Accordingly his third act, in which the faces and voices are American, spins away from controversy. The witnesses are now more various, the clashes far more abundant and violent. The diversity of the American material is, to Reich, a release from documentary obligations, and this act is at last a continuous and exuberant musical structure. Korot's screens in this act, too, become livelier, and move beyond dutiful presentation of the speakers to show us patterns and ribbons of colour created out of features of dress or background.

The brilliant success of this third act is possible because, as in *Different Trains*, there is a harmony between documentary and artistic intentions. One could object that the triumph of the third act is a triumph of life's vanities — colour, humour, animation — over the serious discussion of contending loyalties and traditions. One could also say it is a triumph for optimism and the human capacity to begin afresh.

LONDON

ST PETERSBURG PHILHARMONIC. Latvian conductor Mariss Jansons conducts an all-Russian programme comprising Prokofiev's suite from *Romeo and Juliet* and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

NANCI GRIFFITH: Increasingly popular in the UK, the clear-voiced singer-songwriter from Nashville effectively mixes country and folk styles.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

SWAN LAKE: Viviana Durante takes on the challenging dual role of Odette/Odile partnered by Irek Mukhamedov in Anthony Dowell's superior production.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Dublin Gate Theatre's acclaimed production of Sean O'Casey's play is in London for five weeks at the end of a national tour.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Opens tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

THE CHANGELING. Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production transferred from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm; opens May 25, 7pm.

THE BOC COVENT GARDEN FESTIVAL. English National Opera's studio presents "Soundbites", a

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

selection of ten-minute chamber operas, directed by David Fielding. Three new commissions share the bill with Stephen Oliver's *The Garden* and Gerald Barry's *Things that gain by being painted*. David Parry conducts.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150), 7pm

PAINTINGS FROM THE BOWES MUSEUM: The Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle is being refurbished, so 29 of its most famous paintings are on show at the National. The Bowes collection was amassed between 1860 and 1890, and the works included attest the breadth of the collectors' taste. Included are one of El Greco's finest works, *The Tears Of St Peter*, two Goyas, Boucher's superb *Landscape With a Windmill*, and lesser known works by Courbet, Sassetta and Heemskerck.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 20.

REGIONAL

BRIGHTON: With the release of their eponymous debut album, currently topping the charts, the pouting glam rockers **Suede** have lived up to early high expectations.
Event, Kingswest, West Street (0273 732627), 7pm

BRIGHTON. The **London Contemporary Dance Theatre** presents two works in its new season created by two choreographers that have never worked with the company before. The Frankfurt-based Amanda Miller contributes *My Father's Vertigo*, while fellow American Mark Morris sets his lyrical, playful *Motorcade* to music by Saint-Saëns. The biggest draw, however, is likely to be *Rooster*, a ballet created by Christopher Bruce using a soundtrack of Rolling Stones songs.
Theatre Royal, New Road, Brighton (0273 328488), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

CHICHESTER: Susan Hampshire stars with Sarah Brightman in Coward's 1950s hit comedy **Relative Values**. Tim Luscombe directs.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm, May 24 and 26, 7.30pm, opens May 26, 7pm; then in repertory.

LEEDS: This is the English leg of a tour which has taken jazz guitarist **Allan Holdsworth** to Japan to promote his latest work, *The Wardenclyffe Tower*, an intriguing album inspired by the inventor, Nikola Tesslau.
Irish Centre, York Road (0532 480887), 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: **Lucienne Day's** most famous fabric design, *Calyx*, was made especially for the Festival of Britain, and throughout the Fifties she was a dominant figure and inescapable influence with her bold geometric shapes, vibrant colours and spindly elegance. She is still at work, making silk mosaic wall-hangings for her own pleasure. High time for a reappraisal.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 9pm), until June 26

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins

☐ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins

☐ **THE CHINESE WOLF:** Funny, fresh David Ashton play, set in a scrapyard, where quick-witted Ronan Vibert must outwit Desmond Barrit's Mr Big.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **CRACKS:** Martin Sherman's precise and hilarious spoof thriller demolishing the Californian freak scene of 1973.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 105mins

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 115mins

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins

☐ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. Final week.

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **PLAYING BY THE RULES:** Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins. Extended to May 29.

■ **SEARCH AND DESTROY:** How to lose innocence and grow rich in modern America. Howard Korder's compelling play inspires razor-sharp acting, directed by Stephen Daldry.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE TRIAL:** Czech director Lida Engelova gives her countryman's nightmare good visuals but a leisurely rhythm. With James Wilby, Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Cyrano de Bergerac:** Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BRAINDEAD** (18): Zombies multiply in 1950s New Zealand. Peter Jackson's gore-splattered horror comic, professionally packaged but very juvenile. Stars Timothy Balme.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

IN THE SOUP: Lovable gangster befriends and finances a struggling film-maker. Fresh, loopy comedy from Alexandre Rockwell; with Steve Buscemi and Seymour Cassel.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

MISTRESS (15): Trials and tribulations of a low-budget film project. Appealing if slender Hollywood satire, with Martin Landau. Director, Barry Primus.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999)

WILD WEST (15): Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Naveen Andrews and Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA (071-930 3647).

ALIVE (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano, director, Frank Marshall.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatores.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route, filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

TRESPASS (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** on a rare British staging of a play by Thomas Bernhard

Grumbling in the grand manner

The Showman
Almeida



Monstrous monologue: Alan Bates as the tyrannical actor and dramatist, Bruscon. Drawn by Bill Hewison

THE face of Thomas Bernhard, author of this sour comedy, stares out from the programme: a brow of Shakespearean breadth and polish, the corners of the mouth down-turned, dark eyes fixing the onlooker with a hard, unillusioned glare. Nothing you do will surprise me, this look says, and you are worse company than you imagine.

So far as I can discover, Bernhard's glimpse of a touring actor's life is only the third of his plays to be staged professionally in Britain. The National tried one ten years ago, but made the disastrous error of siting it in the Lyttelton, where it must have curled up and died. The proper arena for his work is more like the Gate, where *Elisabeth II* was shown last December, or here at the Almeida; these, at any rate, are the right venues for those of his plays that are virtually monologues, one elderly, cantankerous tyrant holding the floor while cowed underlings pander to his whims.

At the Gate the everlasting speaker was a millionaire industrialist (grandly played by Julian Curry). Here he is Bruscon, a megalomaniac actor and dramatist (grandly played by Alan Bates this time), who finds himself in a minute Alpine village due to give his Napoleon to the peasants and the pigs. Grunting is the first sound we hear as the lights go up on the crumbling interior of the inn, and the opening words are Bates's incredulous "What? *here?*" as he takes in the wretched environment, of which we, the actual audience, form part.

We soon realise that no environment would satisfy him, and no situation short of non-stop adoration will make this monster shut his mouth for longer than ten seconds. In his long coat, thin scarf, and brown fedora, he stamps the boards to see if his son (playing Winston Churchill) will drop through them; but for most of the time he is collapsed in a chair, denouncing his family's incompetence ("anti-talents!"), the obnoxious villagers, his malingering wife, the stench of the pigs, Austrian vileness or any other subject that crosses his peevish mind. Interrupting these tirades come his overweening praises for *The Wheel of History*, his tangled masterpiece where Metternich meets Einstein, and Caesar, Madame Curie and Hitler are of the company.

Bates does all this extraordinarily well, in a lucid production by Jonathan Kent, and punctuates his diatribes with sarcastic chuckles and the curious whinnies — part-ham, part-horse — that are the staple of a barnstorming actor's vocal equipment.

The trouble with the play, however, is its undramatic thrust. Bruscon does chivy the innkeeper's sullen household and his own unresisting family to make it possible to present his *commedia*, in an Alpine thunderstorm; but *The Showman* lacks the amazing accumulation of characters in *Elisabeth II* — there were some 32 of them on the Gate's small stage, all but two of whom plunge to their deaths off a balcony. Nor does it have a supporting character with anything like the interest of the millionaire's secretly smiling valet.

Bruscon's long-suffering dependants have had all the spirit squashed out of them. We never learn why, but there is no obvious reason why the play should not be telling us. It tells us of the monomania of the not-terribly-good artist, but whether this is intended to be an attack on all artists is unclear. The play may be a form of grumbling on an epic scale, often funny but really nothing more.

DANCE: **John Percival** reviews the closing performances of this year's Turning World season at The Place

The best of three

THREE contrasted dance companies from as many continents came to London last week to round off The Place Theatre's annual Turning World season. The best of them was the last, **Tranz Danz** from Budapest: three dancers, three jazz musicians and an actor (all men) in a weird, thrilling and overwhelming piece called *Temporary Title*. To me, it seemed some kind of exorcism, but the programme note challenges audiences to find their own meaning.

A frightening, sustained crash begins the work, like hundreds of big metal plates falling in the dark while voices howl. A dim light comes on above the little group of men, who gradually divide up. The musicians, fancifully dressed, move to the periphery. On opposite sides are Mihaly Dresch in a multi-coloured robe and bare feet, with his saxophones and flutes, and Tamas Geroly like a stocky little blacksmith as he thrashes his percussion, while Attila Lorinszky is at the back with his bass and his double-pointed crown.

Together and separately, they explore an amazing range of music drawing on folklore and free jazz to stir, underline or qualify the visual action. There is also a text, an opera libretto, *Daisy*, by Peter Eszterhazy. This is spoken mostly in Hungarian with occasional phrases in English, including a horrifying scream of "I don't *want* to be free!"

Peter Doczy, looking like a cross between Dracula and the MC from *Cabaret*, mouths, mutters, speaks or shouts the words sometimes for meaning, sometimes only for sound; prowling the stage, now threatening or tense, now flippant and amused. Gerzson Peter Kovacs's choreography reveals itself, in one central section, as based on folk dance, but mostly he converts this material into a slower, more aggressive movement with episodes where he and his fellow dancers, Csaba Horvath and Karoly Szilvasi (wearing everyday shirts, trousers and shoes), seem often at the end of their tether yet mostly maintain a fierce, stoic control. Curiously, the disparate elements of *Temporary Title* come together under Kovacs's direction into a powerful and individual whole.

The most far-fetched of the week's companies, in more senses than one, was **El Descueve**, from Argentina. A young collective of four women and one man, they take turns at directing communal productions. In *La Fortuna*, the main drive seems to be cruelty to each other; in *Criatura*, it is lust between clothed couples who ignore the one pathetically naked body pleading for attention.

Imed Jemaa's **Théâtre de la Danse** from Tunis offered more interesting material. Jemaa's movement (first shown in two short abstract exercises) is unadventurous, but his main piece, *Nuit Blanche*, by adding a varied soundtrack and lighting effects to suggest empty streets at night, builds an atmosphere of drama and danger, given focus by Souad Ostarcevc's presence as a woman who broodingly watches the two nervous men.

JOHN PERCIVAL

RADIO REVIEW

Spirit of the agents

THE Saturday evening series **Nobody's Perfect** (Radio 4) gives much-criticised professionals the chance to whinge back at their clients. I liked the estate agents, who admitted they do not always seem to do much for their money, and then defended themselves with spirit. "It all seems very easy if the first caller buys your house," said one of them, "but would you really prefer to have 20 callers before you sold it?"

We heard about a man who did not think he ought to pay the estate agent's fees because it was his next-door neighbour who had bought the house, and the new villains who have taken the place of gazumpers in the recession — the "gazunderers", or purchasers who ask for £1,000 off the price just before the deal is signed. However, the woman estate agent who went home and cried in the evening because of the strain her clients were under did strike me as a rare bird in the high street.

The bank managers last weekend were less sympathetic because they did not seem to understand that some people disliked them. But they had some good tales too, like that of the woman who should have been charged the minimum £5 to change a $10 cheque: when they took pity and said they would only charge £1, she said this was an insult and tore the cheque up. The annoying thing about these programmes was that although they were only a quarter-of-an-hour long, the words were interrupted by rock music.

A really excellent, straightforward documentary on Sunday made up for it: **The Lighthouse**, the first in a new series called *Sweat and Inspiration* (Radio 4). The series will report on great 19th-century feats of engineering, and this one was about the construction, begun in 1808, of the Bell Rock or Inchcape lighthouse, 12 miles out to sea from Arbroath.

Readings in Scottish voices from the engineers' journals and letters, with a commentary by a modern engineer, Dr Mark Raiss, were enough to create a vivid picture of the great adventure, without recourse to sound-effects like seagulls and waves.

Once there was only a bell clanging on the rock, which is above water for an hour twice a day at low tide. Men landing in rowing boats and using pickaxes built a tall cone of timber, on top of which a "beacon house" could sit: then, living in that, and using pulleys, they built the lighthouse of 90 courses of granite stones. No-one drowned. The amazing designer-engineer of the lighthouse was Robert Stevenson, grandfather of Robert Louis; the admirable author of the programme was Martin Worth.

Danger at sea also figured in the Monday Play, **The Governor's Consort** (Radio 4). This was specially written by Peter Tinniswood for the actress Mary Wimbush, as the wife of a colonial governor going out by ship to a new post. Miss Wimbush gave a fine display of snobbery, temperament and exultation in a howling storm, and she had some good haughty lines. But the play itself was a worn-out old story of a dried-up diplomat and a repressed wife with bits breaking out. It even had a trick ending in which you were asked to wonder what was reality and what was fantasy. One might just as well have tuned into one of the wilted 1968 plays that Radio 3 is currently failing to revive.

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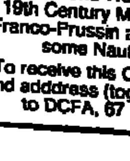
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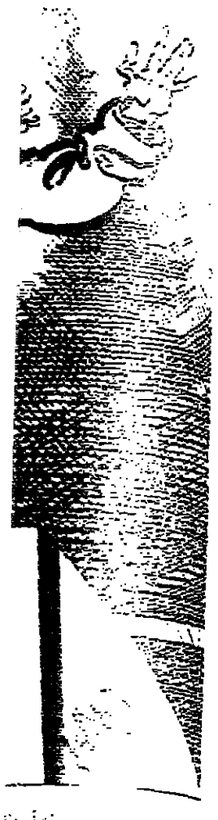
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Foreign currency

Today the government announces a big overseas expansion of its business sponsorship scheme. **Simon Tait** reports

Geoff Shingles, the chairman of Digital, the computer giant sponsoring the National Theatre's production of Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, hosted a little first-night supper for some commercial contacts. "I told them straight: 'This is not a hand-out, it's good trade,'" he says. "Businessmen have not woken up to the fact that there are a lot of opportunities in quality productions to gain business."

Shingles has now relinquished the chief executive's job at Digital, joined the board of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts — and become a missionary. His experience is the best kind of parable.

Facing a slump in the computer market, Digital looked for its market and found that arts sponsorship could provide it, as well as being a hedge against recession. Digital's support for dance, for the Royal Academy's Monet exhibition last year, the new *Arcadia*, and most recently for the British Library — furnishing it with £1 million worth of computers — has given it a market profile which has kept business buoyant, Shingles says. What's more, he claims that espousing the arts is giving British companies access to foreign markets they have been trying to break into for years.

For ABSA, last week seemed like one to forget. There was the arrest of the former director of the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme, which ABSA manages for the government, following the disappearance of £150,000 from the scheme. Then Lord Sainsbury used ABSA's showpiece Goodman dinner (at which he won the prime award for his cultural patronage) to launch a broadside against the Arts Council. And finally, the Arts Council itself appeared to abandon all pretence that business sponsorship was mere "icing on the subsidy cake" by announcing that grim subsidy forecasts mean it will concentrate on supporting the less tasty confections for arts sponsorship — such as contemporary dance and visual art. The implication is that those mounting expensive music and drama performances will need to search ever more intensely for business backers.

> 'Sponsors are not just going to hand you money in exchange for a nice time'

But actually the news is good. ABSA is expected to announce soon that, despite the recession, arts sponsorship has not only survived but increased. What has continued to slump is corporate membership: the boxes at the opera to entertain clients, champagne receptions at the interval. More business people seem to have taken Shingles's point than he thought.

Tonight, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, will announce at a British Council lecture that, far from being abandoned, the BSIS is being extended overseas. Some £250,000 a year will be earmarked for use by the British Council, which has raised its sponsorship from £670,000 in 1988 to £5.8 million this year.

Brooke's speech, though, will not be the main event. The audience will be there largely for a discussion on the state of British arts sponsorship and its potential abroad by a panel including Richard Eyre, artistic director of the National Theatre, Shingles, and Colin Tweedy, ABSA's general director. "Seven or eight years ago," Eyre says, "arts companies had their heads in the clouds and a patrician attitude to sponsors. Now everyone has accepted that plural funding — the mix of sponsorship and subsidy — is a condition of life."

The other award-winner at the Goodman dinner was Ruth Mackenzie, executive director of the Nottingham Playhouse, where she has increased arts sponsorship from £2,000 a year in 1990 to £150,000. "Sponsors are not just going to hand you money in exchange for a nice time," she says. "They want partnership. It's a shared vision, and they want our vision. The beauty is that we've discovered it's a creative partnership in which we get new ideas."

The latest such partnership product is *Improbable Tales*, which began a month's run in Nottingham last week. A cast including such comedy notables as Tony Slattery and Josie Lawrence take the *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* cue and improvise a play from audience suggestions. The idea came out of a three-year partnership deal with Youngers beer.

"The stereotype of the sponsors wanting nothing but safe stuff is nonsense now," Mackenzie says. "They know the market they are aiming at and so do we."

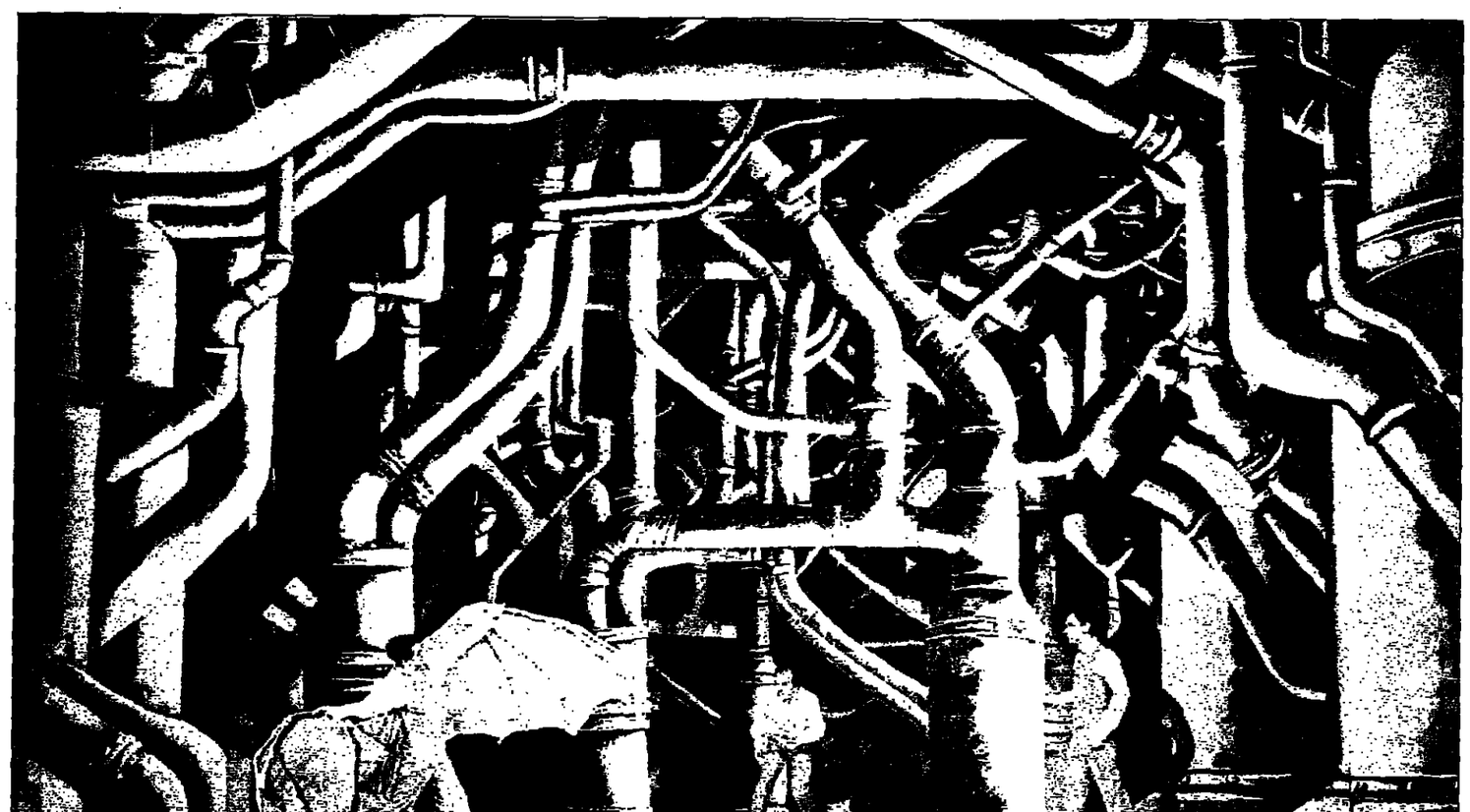
Sponsorship has survived because of a new attitude among sponsors who now see themselves moving to bigger, overseas stages. Guinness has just opened a Brussels office, and its sponsorship of the successful Royal Shakespeare Company *Comedy of Errors* there in 1992 was an important political move. One thing on the company's mind has been the deliberations by EC commissioners on whether to follow France's lead and ban alcohol advertising.

"We needed to make a corporate impact, rather than selling beer or whisky," says Lynette Royle, Guinness's group PR manager.

"The quality of British work is so clearly a major success with European audiences, and sponsoring it underpins our corporate presence. But to make it work for you, you can't be a fairweather sponsor; it has to be a three-year deal at the very least."

Sponsorship is still hard to get. Tweedy says, but as much because commerce is "increasingly picky about what it's going to get involved with" as because of a shortage of spare cash. Businesses want to get into the community now, local as well as European, and supporting education programmes is more important than drinking champagne with famous actors.

"We're not the icing on the cake any more," Shingles says. "We're the baking powder inside that makes the cake rise. But the government still has to help bake the cake first."



Business show: (from left) Phelim McDermott, Guy Dartnell and Lee Simpson in *Improbable Tales* at the Nottingham Playhouse, sponsored by Youngers brewery

CONCERTS: Many happy returns for György Ligeti; orchestral grandeur on a small scale; French sorcery and Russian magic



Ligeti: forever young

Funny serious, funny ha-ha

London Sinfonietta / Stenz
Barbican

György Ligeti is 70, but you would not believe it. The Hungarian composer who fled his homeland in the aftermath of the failed uprising in 1956 wears a perpetual air of mild mischief that undoubtedly helps keep him young. He likes a joke, although his jokes often have their serious side, as his opera *Le Grand Macabre* so brilliantly demonstrates.

To herald this celebratory concert given by the London Sinfonietta under the eminently capable direction of Markus Stenz, we heard the prelude for that work, a chaotic and hilarious antiphony of car-horns. It works better in the theatre, or perhaps one or two of the instruments were on this occasion too perfectly in tune with each other.

There was supposed to be another mild jest, a performance of Ligeti's self-parodying *Fragment* of 1961, 11 bars scored for a weird combination involving double-basses, contrabassoon, bass trombone and double bass tuba. But the composer secured a deal with the organisers: in exchange for cancelling the piece he agreed to give a speech to explain why he did not want it performed. Gerard Hoffmung, it appears, did these things so much better.

But Ligeti is not merely a gentle clown. Delicacy, poise and refinement, often mixed with theatricality and a masterly illusion of facility, are the hallmarks of his music's flavour. Wisps of sound, ideas based on scarcely modulating sequences of pitches, collisions and combinations of colour and line and rhythms that can coalesce or stay lucidly contrapuntal form the cornerstones of his language.

The earliest piece in the concert was the Chamber Concerto of 1969-70, in whose first three movements three different motions — basically flowing, stagnant and mechanical — are defined, to be dramatically combined and finally united in the fourth movement. *Melodien* (1971) seemed a relatively purist work in comparison, its concentrated counterpoints of melodies resulting in subtle changes of palette and patterns.

Superimpositions of opposites often provide the motive power for Ligeti's music, as the first movement of his Piano Concerto (1986-88) — where the soloist plays in one time, the pizzicato strings in another — demonstrates. As befits its genre, this is a colourful, varied and dramatic work. It was given brilliantly by the pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard.

Håkan Hardenberger was the equally impressive solo trumpeter in Elgar Howarth's transcriptions made in 1991 of three coloratura arias sung by Gepopo, the chief of the secret police, in *Le Grand Macabre*. Context matters in Ligeti, and this extract seemed like a fish out of its water. Better to return it to its pond and have the whole, wonderful opera back in London — and soon.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Babushka supreme

Tatyana Nikolaeva
Barbican

TATYANA Nikolaeva, pianist and babushka supreme, presented her double visiting card of Bach and Shostakovich with customary and indomitable authority at the Barbican. The two composers, of course, meet and shake hands robustly in the person of Nikolaeva. *Shostakovich composed his 24 Preludes and Fugues* inspired by Nikolaeva's playing of Bach's own set; and her own series of Bach's "48" at the Wigmore Hall earlier this year showed exactly what it was that Shostakovich admired.

She reveals a shameless joy in the resources of the modern piano to release the full resonance of Bach's harmonies. She delights, too, in keeping all his contrapuntal voices firmly in their places as if they were so many precocious grandchildren playing at her knee. Each countersubject in the knotty fugal Ricercare No 3 from *The Musical Offering* was cherished for its distinctive character. The long vagaries of the Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue were brought firmly to heel by ringing cadences.

The opening Fantasy was truly polychromatic in Nikolaeva's hands. Her fingers here created a new lightness and brilliance. Fused with ample, shrewdly judged pedalling and the vibrant springing nature of her chords, the music's velocity became almost visible as a pattern of rapidly shifting colours.

A similar sense of strings vibrating, rather than hammers being struck, characterised her *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, its bass line ringing out with predictable richness, its chorale suspended, as it were, outside time and motion. This was the Myra Hess arrangement; Nikolaeva's own of the Toccata and Fugue in D Minor returned to the muscular octaves, chords and emphatic paragraphing of her own playing.

After such solid nourishment, Shostakovich's Piano *Sonata No 2 seemed a puny* affair. Its often vacuous and long winded self-parody was thrown into sharp relief by the musical substance of the first half, and even the composer's loyal colleague could not convince us otherwise.

HILARY FINCH

Discreet charms of a Gallic rarity

BBC PO / Tortelier
Manchester

WHEN he joined the BBC *Philharmonic*, Yan Pascal Tortelier indicated that, contrary to general expectation, he would not be conducting very much French music. Sure enough, he has avoided the more obvious sections of the French repertoire.

At the same time, however, he has taken an interest in the unlikely area of the French symphony, demonstrating not only that it exists but also that there are some brilliant examples. Not least among them are the two by Henri Dutilleux, which he introduced last season, and a remarkable score by the composer of the ever-popular *L'Apprenti sorcier*.

The Symphony in C by Paul Dukas might not be one of the greatest works of its kind. It seems to have been written as a response to a challenge rather than as a creative necessity. What's more, in that the ear is continually drawn into making stylistic comparisons — ranging between César Franck and Anton Bruckner — it has no distinctive personality.

On the other hand, it has all the structural virtues, with climaxes perfectly calculated in scale and unerringly placed in each of the three movements. Its material — which is, moreover, intriguingly coloured throughout — is an abundance of attractive and clearly profiled melody. And if none of that is particularly unusual in a late Romantic symphony, it is surprising to hear the rhythmic drive and even something of the neo-classical clarity of Albert Roussel anticipated as early as 1896.

The energy with which Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic applied themselves to the Dukas Symphony, in what might well have been its first performance in the Free Trade Hall, could have had something to do with relief at having completed a run of performances of Peter Maxwell Davies's *Orkney Wedding and Sunrise*: good occasional fun, it is not a work which improves with prolonged acquaintance (although I must confess to having missed the tiny allusion to Strauss's Alpine sunrise until now).

Or it could have been inspired by a determination not to be upstaged by Nikolai Demidenko's interpretation of Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto which was due to come after the interval. If so, the orchestral players did not stand a chance.

As they generously acknowledged, this was a quite extraordinary performance — powerful though not heavy-handed (Demidenko's strength derives from precision rather than sheer weight of touch), wide ranging in colour, illuminatingly lucid in texture, sensitive in expression and intelligently calculated in structure.

GERALD LARNER

Perfectly formed

St Paul CO / Wolff
Barbican

THE premier American small-scale band over the past decade, in most people's perception, would be the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. But the St Paul Chamber Orchestra has been around longer, and its 1993 European tour is doing much to establish it as the latest hot tip.

A comparison with the Orpheus is instructive, for the high-gloss, super-powered sound of the latter ensemble can make it seem like a relentlessly efficient machine. The virtuosity of the St Paul orchestra is equally unassailable, yet its brilliance never stands in the way of its musical expression.

In its Barbican concert, Beethoven's Second Symphony in D major had an explosive vigour that sprang partly from the split-second precision of the players, and partly from the inspiring direction of Hugh Wolff, their principal conductor.

Drawing on the orchestra's virtues of perfectly controlled ensemble and beautifully blended timbres, he harnessed the propulsive energies of Beethoven's phrases in a way that we hear usually only from period instruments. The result was a joyously invigorating reading. The same was true of Mozart's Flute Concerto in G, K313, where Wolff's well-sprung accompaniments provided an ideal backdrop for James Galway's light-footed, smiling rendition of the solo part. Galway has lost none of his capacity to amaze or charm. The concerto's final pay-off, where the flute disappears grinning up an arpeggio, could have been written for him.

In Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* Wolff teased out the nostalgic spirit of these antique evocations with scrupulous concern for subtleties of nuance. Similarly his care for expressive contrasts of light and shade marked out the opening pages of Barber's Adagio for Strings.

Then began the long, final ascent, shunning the usual histrionic intensity for a more delicately graded, more moving, climax and aftermath. The only miscalculation was to allow the hushed ending to coincide with the traditional nine o'clock chorus of bleeping watches.

BARRY MILLINGTON



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Midge Ure
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Billed as "an evening in an intimate environment presenting the songs of Midge Ure", the format for this 16-date "out alone" tour has fallen rather uncomfortably between that of MTV's current *Unplugged* series — a back to basics demonstration of the performer's art — and that grandiose event, the masterclass.

Ure explained that his motivation came partly from his recent experience in travelling America on a songwriters' bill, with each participant discussing their compositional technique in an on-stage interview between songs, and partly from his eagerness to vault out of the album-tour-album cycle that limits a recording act's opportunities for performing live. Both fine in theory.

Sadly, though, the ten minutes and more it took to impart this information was to prove indicative of the evening's dominant tone — of hobby-horses too eagerly ridden by a man whose appealingly mocking humour could not entirely disguise a tendency towards grating self-righteousness.

It had begun promisingly enough, with Ure on acoustic guitar singing stripped down versions of "Dear God" and Tom Rush's lovely "No Regrets". Then, during one of the series of monologues, he announced his intention to draw questions from the audience. How did you come to be in Thin Lizzie? Why did you leave Ultravox? Which is your favourite/least favourite song? Do you have any dreams left to fulfil? That sort of thing.

Fascinating stuff for hardcore fans and archivists perhaps, but a test of endurance for anyone else — as were his freely offered views about the *NME*, the poor quality of British pop radio and the barren waste that is the current music scene.

Given that among the musical interludes were such enjoyable items as "The Leaving", on which he was accompanied by Gordon Giltrap, a nicely judged version of Phil Lynott's "Little Girl in Bloom" and a strong new song, "Breathe", one question in particular hung over a long and often exasperating evening. Why didn't he just sing?

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Smith hoping for change of luck to reach Wembley

By Keith Pike

WEMBLEY finals may have been devalued, as much by their frequency as by the failure of Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday to do them justice in the past month, but for the 12 clubs contesting the second legs of their play-off semi-finals tonight, the desire to play there is as strong as ever. For four of them, the incentives have never been greater.

With the prize of a place in the Premier League worth at least £1 million to clubs in prize-money and television fees, nowhere will the stakes be higher than at Fratton Park, where Portsmouth must overturn a 1-0 deficit against Leicester City, and Prenton Park, where Tranmere Rovers start 3-1 down to the remaining first division contenders, Swindon Town.

Extra time, away goals and penalty shoot-outs — in that order — will be used if necessary, although if sentiment was a deciding factor there is little doubt that Portsmouth and their manager, Jim Smith, would already be anticipating the club's first Wembley appearance since 1939.

Smith's side finished nine points clear of their closest pursuers, Tranmere, and 12 ahead of Leicester but, crucially, scored one goal fewer than West Ham United and missed out on automatic promotion. Smith's previous flirtations with the play-offs, with Newcastle United and Middlesbrough, brought only dismay, and ill luck continues to dog him. Suspension deprived him of Walsh, Aspinall and Butters for the first leg at the City Ground in Nottingham on Sunday, and the return of Butters was countered yesterday by the news that Chamberlain, the former England winger, is unlikely to play tonight because of knee ligament damage.

Butters's return will allow Kristensen to move out of the back four and give Whittingham, scorer of 47 goals this season, the support he lacked in the first leg. Brian Little, Smith's opposite number, is likely to bring in an extra central defender and field Joachim, the striker, from the start as Leicester, beaten by Blackburn in the final last year, try to go one better.

Portsmouth are one of five clubs experiencing the trauma of the play-offs, now in their seventh season, for the first time. It is Swindon's fourth appearance, and while that experience could prove invaluable against Tranmere, Glenn Hoddle's team might yet rue the goal Morrissey scored to reduce a potentially decisive three-goal lead to a less commanding 3-1.

Port Vale and Stockport County already have one Wembley appearance booked — they meet in the Autoglass Trophy final on Saturday — and tonight start level at 1-1 in the second leg of the second division semi-final. Stockport will again be without their leading scorer, Francis, who is suspended, and Vale, whose total of 89 points is a record for a side not gaining automatic promotion, will start as favourites. Swansea City take a 2-1 lead to The Hawthorns in the other tie.

With York City and Bury having drawn 0-0 at Gigg Lane, the only tie that appears settled already is the other third division semi-final, between Walsall and Crewe Alexandra. Crewe have a four-goal cushion at the Bescott Stadium, having won 5-1 at Gresty Road, but even if the Walsall manager, Kenny Hibbitt, is without hope, he is not without a future. Walsall yesterday offered him a new two-year contract. "We are not going to let the result of one match detract from what has been achieved here this season," Jeff Bonser, the Walsall chairman, said.

Cardiff put Stant on transfer-list

TWO days after scoring a hat-trick that helped Cardiff City to secure a place in the European Cup Winners' Cup, Phil Stant was placed on the transfer-list yesterday (Keith Pike writes).

Stant scored his nineteenth goal for Cardiff, whom he joined from Mansfield Town in January, when they beat Rhyl 5-0 on Sunday in the final of the Welsh Cup. He had also been instrumental in helping them to win the third division championship. Reports that Stant is in dispute over bonuses were, however, dismissed by Rick Wright, the club's owner.

"It is something separate," Wright said. "They [the players] did everything we set out to do and will get every single penny they have been promised." Brendon Batson, the deputy chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said that it had been asked to mediate between Stant and the club. Lazio confirmed yesterday that Paul Gascoigne will not be released for England's three matches in the US Cup next month.

The American organisers, who believe Gascoigne's presence would stimulate interest in the tournament, had hoped the Italian club would relent and allow him to play. But Mario Pennacchia, a Lazio spokesman, said yesterday that Gascoigne would be released only if his club's plans for a tour of Canada fell through.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, has given players from Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday, who meet in the FA Cup final replay tomorrow, an extra 24 hours to recover before they join the squad that flies out next Thursday for the World Cup qualifying games against Poland and Norway. The eight players involved will not join the party until Saturday.

Southport await all-clear

SOUTHPORT are confident they will be able to take up the place in the GM Vauxhall Conference they earned by winning the HFS Loans League after Conference officials inspected their ground last week (Walter Gammie writes).

Charles Clapham, the club's chairman, said: "They seemed to be delighted with the new work we have done and we look forward to hearing confirmation of our place after their management council meeting on Thursday."

Clapham also hopes that playing in the Conference will encourage local business to raise the £80,000 the club still needs to pay for the redevelopment of Haig Avenue. A successful public appeal has raised £70,000 and it is hoped a grant from the Football Trust will bring in £50,000.

Southport, who lost their Football League place in 1978, completed a successful season by beating Burscough 2-1 to win the Liverpool Senior Cup last Tuesday.

Bridlington, the FA Vase winners, will play their matches at Doncaster Rovers' Belle Vue ground next season while they negotiate with East Yorkshire Council over redevelopment of their Queensgate stadium.

PROMOTIONS AND RELEGATIONS

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Winners: Dover Athletic (promoted to GM Vauxhall Conference, replaced by Farnborough Town) Relegated: Moor Green, VS Rugby, Weymouth. Southern division: Promoted: Sittingbourne, Salisbury. Resigned: Andover Relegated: Bury Town. Midland division: Nuneaton Borough, Gresley Rovers. Relegated: RC Warwick. Decision on clubs promoted from feeder leagues on May 20

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Winners: Chesham United (withdrew application to join GM Vauxhall Conference) Relegated: Staines, Windsor and Eton, Bognor Regis. First division: Promoted: Hitchin Town, Molesey, Dorking Relegated: Lewes, Aveley Second division: Promoted: Worthing, Rushlip Manor, Berkhamsted. Relegated: Harefield United, Southall. Third division: Promoted: Aldershot Town, Thame Utd, Collier Row Resigned: Petersfield United. Relegated: No clubs; promotion from feeder leagues to be decided on June 14.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Winners: Southport (promoted to GM Vauxhall Conference, replaced by Boston United) Relegated: Mossley, Goole Town First division: Promoted: Bridlington Town. Knowsley United Resigned: Shepshed Albion. Relegated: Rossendale United. Promoted to HFS: Spennymoor (Northern Counties East League), Whitby Town (Northern League), Atherton LR or Bamber Bridge (Base North West Counties League, subject to ground inspection)


ROSS KINNAIRD

Pride of Lions: Guscott, left, and Clarke in training in New Zealand

Barnes chosen to lead Lions

STUART Barnes will lead the British Isles in the first match of their rugby union tour of New Zealand against North Auckland at Whangarei on Saturday. The Lions will break with tradition by leaving their captain, Gavin Hastings, out of the starting line-up for the opening game.

Four seasoned members of the England pack, Wade Dooley, Mike Teague, Dean Richards and Peter Winterbottom, are also rested for the tougher second match against North Harbour, who play in New Zealand's first division.

The selectors have broken the long-term England partnerships of Jeremy Guscott and Will Carling, at centre, and Martin Bayfield and Dooley, at lock, for the match against North Auckland, of the second division. Guscott links up with Scott Hastings, while Bayfield will partner Andy Reed.

Barnes is the obvious choice as replacement captain, even though his international experience is confined to ten caps. Robert Jones has led Wales, but is a replacement on this tour. Geoff Cooke, the manager, said: "We obviously considered the traditions. We talked with Gavin and considered our resources and how we wanted to split them for the first two games."

The Lions have probably only five matches to sort out their Test team for the opening meeting with the All Blacks on June 12. Barnes said: "I'm an experienced captain and I'm not surprised to be appointed leader in a team that lacks Gavin Hastings. As stand-off I'm in the cockpit, anyway."

TEAM: A Clement (Wales), I Hunter (England), S Hastings (Scotland), J Guscott (England), R Underwood (England); S Barnes (England, captain), R Jones (Wales); J Leonard (England), B Moore (England), P Wright (Scotland), M Galwey (Ireland), M Bayfield (England), A Reed (Scotland), R Webster (Wales), B Clarke (England) Replacements: G Hastings (Scotland), R Andrew (England), D Morris (England), P Burnell (Scotland), K Milne (Scotland), D Richards (England).

French trials pave way for hour record

By Peter Bryan

WHILE Chris Boardman's Lotus bicycle, on which he won Britain's first gold medal of the Olympic Games in Barcelona nine months ago, is on public display at the Science Museum in London, the rider yesterday was having the first of a series of trials 700 miles away in France on an indoor velodrome at Bordeaux.

For Boardman, the trials are the first step in his plan later this summer to improve Francesco Moser's world one-hour unpaced record of 51.151 kilometres (31.96 miles) set by the Italian at altitude in Mexico in January 1984.

But among a minibus load of equipment at the Bordeaux track there was no sign of a Lotus machine. Boardman had limited his choice of bikes to other manufacturers from Britain and the United States.

The tests were not intended as a snub to Lotus but more a combination of Boardman wanting to see whether the claims of other aerodynamic bike manufacturers stood up under test conditions and also to give him the opportunity of riding an indoor track. Britain will not have one until the Manchester Olympic 2000 velodrome is completed next year.

Lotus, which has been kept informed of Boardman's plans for his hour record attempt, was as eager as the rider yesterday to know the outcome of his trials in France. Patrick Peal, a company spokesman, revealed that Lotus had made an offer to continue the Olympic link this year with Boardman.

"Since the Games, we have had discussions with Chris and there is an offer on the table for him," he said, "which we hope will prove fruitful."

Unconfirmed figures suggest that the Norwich-based company — better known for its involvement with racing cars — spent close to £250,000 in developing the Olympic bike, brainchild of Mick Burrows, an enthusiast racing cyclist, whose original prototype was first rejected by the world governing body, the Union Cycliste Internationale, five years ago.

Since Barcelona, Lotus has produced a road time trial version of Boardman's bike which, Peal said, will be on sale "in late summer".

Only two other British riders have used the Lotus in competition: Shaun Wallace, based in the United States, who was silver-medal-winner in the 1992 world professional 5,000 metres pursuit championship, and Bryan Steel, a member of Britain's Barcelona pursuit team and the first to ride the machine in competition.

Bordeaux was chosen by Boardman, who had earlier approached half a dozen other indoor European tracks, only to find that none was available for hire because of pop concerts, trade fairs or rallies.

Lewis to have operation on right hand

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
in Washington

LENNOX Lewis, the world heavyweight champion, is to have surgery on his right hand in New York this weekend and will take a complete rest from boxing for six weeks.

The operation will be performed by an American specialist in boxing injuries, will take 45 minutes and because it will be under local anaesthetic, will not require the World Boxing Council champion to be knocked out for the first time in his life.

"The specialist said I mustn't hit with it for another two or three weeks after that," Lewis said. "But if a Frank Bruno fight came up around September, I should be ready."

Lewis aggravated an old tendon injury during his successful defence against Tony Tucker in Las Vegas ten days ago. But an all-British showdown with Bruno looks to be receding behind a meeting against Evander Holyfield, the former undisputed world champion, in October.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said: "We don't really need Bruno. Lennox could earn far more money fighting in America. The American television cash will be so much greater, probably twice as much."

Maloney has also received an offer from Rock Newman, the manager of Riddick Bowe, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, which would bring Lewis $6.5 million.

For the first time in the history of the world heavyweight championship, the scoring will be in the hands of three women judges when Riddick Bowe defends his titles against Jesse Ferguson here on Saturday.

The judges will be Patricia Jarman, of Las Vegas, Sheila Hormon-Martin, of Arlington, Virginia, and Eugenie Williams, of Atlantic City, New Jersey. They are among about a dozen professional women judges qualified to officiate at world championships.

Jarman, who has officiated at 49 world championships and was a member of the all-woman panel at the Dwight Qawi-Robert Daniels cruiserweight championship bout in Paris three years ago, said: "This is the biggest day of my life."

She developed an interest in boxing seeing the bout between Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes in 1980. She wanted to be more closely associated with the sport and was advised by Davey Pearl, the referee, to "learn the sport from the inside".

Jarman added: "Most people look at me and can't believe I'm a boxing judge." Bowe, however does not intend to leave matters in the hands of the three women. He aims to make short work of Ferguson.

Life begins at fifty

JANSHER Khan took his fiftieth title on the world squash tour by defeating Chris Dittmar 9-15, 15-5, 15-7, 8-15, 15-6 in the final of the Brazilian Classic in Rio de Janeiro on Monday (Colin McQuillan writes). It was Jansher's twentieth successive win over Dittmar, the Australian who last beat him in 1990. In the past year alone, Jansher, the world champion, has beaten Dittmar in nine important finals.

"It was one of the hardest matches we have had," Jansher said. "It is more than two years since Dittmar took the first game from me. He was so quick at the start, I was worried about losing 3-1."

Jansher arrived in Rio with back problems, but "the heat in Rio seemed to release my back muscles," he said.

Of more than 300 matches he has played since joining the tour in 1987, Jansher has lost only 32, and he sees his total of 50 tournament wins as only a beginning as he seeks to fulfil his potential over the next five years.

Prean to compete in singles

From Richard Eaton
in Gothenburg

CARL Prean, the national table tennis champion, who played only once for England throughout the team event at the world championships here last week, believes his injured wrist has recovered enough for him to attempt a run in the men's singles, which start today.

Prean, the No 22 seed, is encouraged by being placed in the same quarter of the draw as Jorgen Persson, the holder, from Sweden, whom he beat in the English Open last year. "It's such a good draw, I must try," Prean, the Isle of Wight player, said. Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, who is seeded twelfth, could meet the Olympic champion and top seed, Jan-Ove Waldner, of Sweden, in the last 16, although the Yorkshire-based Chen will have to beware one of his former compatriots, Liu Guoliang, in the third round.

Chen's partner in the doubles, Wang Hao, another former Chinese colleague, was in magnificent form in the world team final on Monday. They are the No 16 seeds.

One of the fascinating questions is whether Ma Wenge, of China, who beat Waldner in the team final, can do it again if he meets the top-seeded Swede in the semi-finals, as he should.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

RYOKAN

(a) A traditional Japanese inn or hostelry, from the Japanese: "The ryokans, country inns, are worth the slight additional expense over Westernised hotels."

REGGEON

(b) In nuclear physics, a particle represented by a Regge pole or trajectory, or a virtual particle regarded as exchanged in the type of scattering they represent, eponym of T. E. Regge (b. 1931), Italian physicist, who devised concepts in the theory of the scattering of sub-atomic particles: "Reggeons with arbitrarily high spin can be exchanged with equanimity."

JELUTONG

(c) A Malaysian tree of the genus *Dyera*, especially *Dyera costulata*, which produces a latex when tapped; the latex or light-coloured wood from a tree of this kind, from the Malay: "Other haunted trees are the Jawi-Jawi, the Jelutong, and Berombong."

TAMMAR

(b) A greyish-brown scrub wallaby, *Thylogale eugenii*, found in south-western parts of Australia, the Aboriginal name: "The great days they had spent together, as youngsters, hunting tammars in the Paper Bark swamps."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Despite the reduced material, black found a winning combination: 1 ... e2! 2 Bxf2 (otherwise 2 ... Rf1 mating) 2 ... Bc3! 3 Bxe3 (3 Ra1 gxf3+) 3 ... e1/Q mate.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Cardiff: Hampshire 60-1 v Glamorgan Match abandoned Leicester: Leicestershire 192 (D B Pennett 4-37), Nottinghamshire 132. Leicestershire won by 60 runs Crosby: Durham 145 (I Smith 80); Lancashire 135-3 (S P Titchard 64 not out) Lancashire won on faster scoring rate.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: MCC 248-5 dec (K Young 185 not out), Leighton Park, 106. Essex Under-18 227-3 (A Prabhakar 107 not out), Colchester RGS 221 (A Kennedy 102 not out). "Cheltenham 248-3, Pate's GS 133 (M Snaive 5-9). "Queen's, Taunton 156, Monmouth 159-7, Band of Brothers 220-7. "Dover 130-6, Old Edmundians 208-7, St Edmund's, Ware, 73, Shrewsbury 114, King Edward VI, Birmingham, 115-3

* denotes home team

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Corrected table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey (13)	3	2	0	1	8	11	51
Warwicks (6)	3	2	1	0	4	11	47
Somerset (9)	2	2	0	0	4	8	44
Glamorgan (14)	2	2	0	0	6	6	44
Notts (4)	3	1	0	*2	5	12	41
Middlesex (11)	3	1	0	2	5	11	32
Derbys (5)	2	1	1	0	6	8	30
Yorks (16)	2	1	0	1	4	8	28
Lancs (12)	2	1	1	0	5	5	26
Northants (3)	2	1	1	0	3	7	26
Essex (1)	2	0	1	1	6	8	14
Worcs (17)	2	0	0	*2	1	5	14
Leics (8)	2	0	2	0	3	8	11
Sussex (7)	2	0	2	0	3	6	9
Durham (18)	2	0	1	1	4	5	9
Glouos (10)	2	0	2	0	2	7	9
Kent (2)	2	0	1	1	2	7	9
Hants (15)	2	0	1	1	2	2	4

* totals include 6pts each for a tie

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 8, Houston Astros 7 (10 innts). Philadelphia Phillies 10, Florida Marlins 3. Atlanta Braves 5, Montreal Expos 2. Pittsburgh Pirates 9, New York Mets 4. San Diego Padres 4, Colorado Rockies 0. Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Cincinnati Reds 4 (10 innts)

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 2, Baltimore Orioles 0. Toronto Blue Jays 9, Boston Red Sox 3. California Angels 11, Chicago White Sox 4. New York Yankees 11, Minnesota Twins 5. Seattle Mariners 16, Texas Rangers 9. Postponed: Detroit at Milwaukee.

CYCLING

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, M Indurain (Spl, 2,372pts; 2, T Rominger (Switz), 2,050; 3, A Zulle (Switz), 1,736, 4, C Chiappucci (It), 1,676; 5, G Bugno (It), 1,670; 6, M Fondriest (It), 1,154; 7, L Jalabert (Fr), 1,141; 8, R Sorensen (Den), 1,057; 9, J Museeuw (Bel), 1,050; 10, O Ludwig (Ger), 1,035. British and Irish placings: 47, S Roche (Ire), 421; 61, S Kelly (Ire), 356; 77, R Millar (GB), 309.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Playoffs: Eastern Conference: Second round: Chicago Bulls 103, Cleveland Cavaliers 101 (Chicago win best-of-seven series 4-0).

CANOEING

BALA, North Wales: British wild water championships: Men: K1: N Stamps (Royal) 22min 06secs. C1: R Pomphrey (Leaside), 27.03. C2: Bolton and Count (Nottingham), 25.44. Women: K1: A Clayton (Nottingham), 25.11.

FOOTBALL

TESTIMONIAL MATCH (for David O'Leary): Arsenal 4, Manchester United 4 (att: 22,117).

TOUR MATCH: Simba (Tanzania) 1, Bournemouth 2.

GOLF

RYDER CUP: US positions: 1, F Couples, 965.50pts; 2, T Kite, 860.00; 3, P Azinger, 687.167, 4, J Cook, 672.50; 5, D Love III, 635.00; 6, P Stewart, 508.393; 7, M O'Meara, 506.25; 8, C Pavin, 472.50; 9, L Janzen, 468.81, 10, C Beck, 454.167; 11, R Mediate, 426.929; 12, J Gallagher, 417.50

HOCKEY

NEWPORT: Boys' under-15 international matches: Wales 0, England 4; Wales 3, England 4

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Campbell Conference finals: Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Los Angeles Kings 1 (Toronto lead best-of-seven series 1-0)

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Laurent-Perrier Masters championships: Final: J Snow (GB) bt L Daucher (Aus), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3. Third place: R Fahey (Aus) bt C Bray (GB), 6-3, 6-2.

RIFLE SHOOTING

HARARE: Zimbabwe national championships (all GB). Grand aggregate: 1, T Rylands, 544.65pts; 2, S Penrose, 543.65. 3, J Messer, 542.51 Olde Mugs match: 1, J Langley, 36 6 (after tie); 2, R Clark, 36 6, Lesley Fereday Cup: 1, Langley 104.14 (after tie); 2, J Lewis, 104 14. Bulawayo Anniversary Trophy: 1, Penrose, 99.14; 2, Messer, 99.10.

BISLEY: Team match (teams of 20, 300, 500 and 600yds). 1, Scotland, 2,018.217pts; 2, RAFTRC, 2,002.212, 3, Wales 2,000.166. Team match (teams of 12; 900 and 1,000yds): 1, Wales (T Walters, 97.12); 2, Scotland 1,098.77 (D Hossack, 94.8); 3, RAF 1,078.79 (N Maxon, 95.9). Team match (teams of eight: 300, 600, 900 and 1,000yds): 1, London and Middlesex, 1,435.89; 2, Army TRC, 1382.91; 3, Eton College, 1,335.75

HAVERFORDWEST: Welsh smallbore pistol championship: Wilkinson Sword Trophy (standard): 1, M Jay, 567, 2, A Stevens, 560; 3, A Bowdon, 540 John Vincent-Davies Trophy (sport): 1, S Mitchell, 578; 2, Jay, 574; 3, Bowden, 571.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Reading 68, Bradford 40.

THREE-TEAM TOURNAMENT (at Wolverhampton): Wolves 41, Cradley Heath 38, Belle Vue 29.

SQUASH

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian Classic: Final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Dittmar (Aus), 9-15, 15-5, 15-7, 8-15, 15-6.

TABLE TENNIS

GOTHENBURG: World team championships: Men: Final: Sweden bt China, 3-1.

TENNIS

DUSSELDORF: World Team Cup: First round: Blue group: Spain bt Russia, 2-1 (S Bruguera bt A Volkov, 6-2, 6-2; C Costa bt A Cherkasov, 6-4, 6-2; Volkov and A Olhovskiy bt Costa and T Carbonell, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4). United States bt Switzerland, 3-0 (P Sampras bt M Rosset, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Chang bt J Hlasek, 6-2, 6-3; P McEnroe and R Reneberg bt Hlasek and Rosset, 6-4, 6-3).

BOLOGNA: Men's tournament: First round: F Davin (Arg) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-4, 6-2, K Alami (Mor) bt R Azar (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) bt G Prpic (Cro), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; C Dosedel (Cz) bt O Dalstra (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; J Burillo (Sp) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-3, 6-4; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt C Adams (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: First round: S Testud (Fr) bt N Dahlman (Fin), 7-6, 6-2, 6-3; C Horvalson (US) bt A Gavaldon (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; K Kroupova (Cz) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-2, 6-2; F Lubet (Arg) bt S Amiach (Fr), 6-2, 6-0

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
10.45, 55 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia

Other matches
11.30 to 6.30 (first day of three)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Lancashire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Middlesex

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire Canterbury: Kent v Essex Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Lancashire Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex. Other match: Stratford-on-Avon: Warwickshire v England Under-19 XI.

FOOTBALL

First-leg scores in brackets

Uefa Cup
Final, second leg
Juventus (3) v Borussia Dortmund (1) (7.30)

Barclays League play-offs
7.45 unless stated
Semi-finals, second leg
First division
Portsmouth (0) v Leicester (1) (all ticket)
Tranmere (1) v Swindon (3) (7.30) (all ticket)
Second division
Port Vale (1) v Stockport (1)
West Bromwich (1) v Swansea (2) ... (all ticket)
Third division
Walsall (1) v Crewe (5)
York (0) v Bury (0)

World Cup
European qualifying group one
Estonia v Scotland (5.10) (in Tallinn)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBO middleweight championships: Chris Pyatt v Sumbu Kalambay (at Leicester). Commonwealth featherweight championships: Billy Hardy v Bonnington Francis (at Sunderland).
GOLF: English women's championship (St Enodoc): Scottish women's championship (Prestwick)

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Piggott powers Geisway into Derby picture

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE annual guessing game involving Lester Piggott's Derby ride belatedly came to life yesterday after vintage jockeyship saw him triumph on Geisway in the A R Dennis *Predominate* Stakes at Goodwood.

A last stride, short-head victory over the odds-on favourite, Beneficial, in the final trial for the Epsom classic immediately prompted speculation that the 57-year-old might reconsider his decision to partner Fatherland in the big race at Epsom in two weeks' time.

By his own admission, Piggott gave Geisway a "brilliant ride" on his seasonal reappearance.

Trapped on the rails in last place and with nowhere to go two furlongs from home, Piggott somehow managed to extricate himself and timed Geisway's challenge to perfection to catch Beneficial within the shadow of the post.

It is hard to assess the form of the race as it was run in a very slow time — more than eight seconds slower than standard — and there are doubts about Geisway's stamina lasting out the Derby trip.

The victory completed a pleasant change of fortune for Paul Green, the Jersey-based businessman, who owns Carvill's Hill and saw Mr Brooks put down after breaking a leg in last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Green, whose Pistol River won half an hour earlier with John Reid aboard, bought both horses and a filly called Brooks Masquerade on the recommendation of Richard Hannon earlier this year.

He subsequently supplemented Geisway for the Derby at a cost of £10,000 and then turned down a £100,000 offer for the colt from the United States.

"I don't know whether he will stay the Derby trip. There must be a doubt as his sire, Geiger Counter, has produced nothing of any class which has won beyond a mile and a quarter," Green said.

"Lester will tell us within the next 24 or 48 hours whether he will ride Geisway in the Derby. I won't be hanging round as it is not fair to the other jockeys."

Piggott, who has won the Derby a record nine times from 34 rides, gave no immediate encouragement to suggest he will switch from Fatherland, runner-up to Barathea in last Saturday's Irish 2,000 Guineas.

"Geisway is a good sort of horse and that is all you can say," Piggott said. "You would have to question his stamina."

Bookmakers are desperate for some opposition to Tenby, the 5-2 on favourite, but clearly do not believe their salvation lies with Geisway. The major firms trimmed the Hannon-trained colt to 20-1.

Following an initial 1991 entry of 634 yearlings, 29 remain in the Derby following yesterday's forfeit stage. Owners intending to run their horses will have to pay a further £1,500 at the five-day stage, bringing the total entry cost to £5,000.

Wolf Prince, trained in America by Michael Dickinson, is among the 29 and his participation at Epsom depends on working satisfactorily this weekend. The last American-trained runner in the Derby was Slewpy, who was sent off as the 100-1 outsider in 1983 and finished towards the rear of the field behind Piggott's last Derby winner, Teenoso.

Khaled Abdulla, owner of Tenby, has kept Armiger and Commander In Chief in the race but no decision will be taken about a possible second runner until nearer the race, when the state of the ground will be a crucial consideration.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Geisway, right, finishes strongly to catch Beneficial, noseband, in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TUSCAN DAWN
(4.20 Nottingham)
Next best: Gypsy Crystal
(2.20 Nottingham)

Carson collects ride on Felawnah

WILLIE Carson, who has won every Irish classic apart from the 1,000 Guineas, stands in for the suspended Michael Roberts on Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's Felawnah in Saturday's IAWS Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh (Our Irish Correspondent writes).

Felawnah and Dayflower were both supplemented yesterday morning at a cost of Ir£25,000. Both ran in the Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, finishing fourth and fifth respectively behind Sayyedati.

Of the trio which finished ahead of Felawnah and Dayflower, only Hamdan Al Maktoum's Ajfan is due to reoppose at the Curragh. She was beaten less than a length into third behind Sayyedati, and a reproduction of that performance would give her the edge over her two supplemented rivals.

At yesterday's four-day declaration stage, 16 fillies stood their ground for Saturday's race, and the most fancied of the home team will be Michael Kinane's mount Asema. Her owner, American-based Allen Paulson, was successful with Madeleine's Dream in last Sunday's Dubai Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.10 Sparky's Song. 2.40 **MASNUN** (nap). 3.10 Yawl. 3.40 Castle Courageous. 4.10 Salbyng. 4.45 Majestic Heights. 5.20 Chapka.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Rapid Repeat. 3.40 Lyphantastic.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 **NOBBY BARNES**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 FINNBOARD CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,395: 1m 4f) (4 runners)

101 (1) 450 TROPICAL JUNGLE 14 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-2 — D Biggs 89
102 (2) WILL HYDE (Mrs Susan Gay) C Weedon 8-11 — C Hodgson (5) —
103 (4) 060-50 LUNAR RISK 16 (R Halm) W Muir 8-6 — W Ryan 88
104 (3) 0300-00 SPARKY'S SONG 9 (Mrs Annette Birwick) J Hills 8-2 — R Hills 87

BETTING: 11-8 Tropical Jungle, 2-1 Sparky's Song, 5-2 Lunar Risk, 16-1 Will Hyde.

1992: TRUMPET 3-9-0 W R Swinburn (8-1) Lord Huntingdon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TROPICAL JUNGLE 13l 7th to Master Charlie in Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm) maiden. Previously 6¾l 5th of 10 to River North in Brighton (1m 2f, good) maiden. WILL HYDE first foal of a lightly-raced dam who is a half-sister to several winners, notably Scruples, a smart-middle distance winner in USA. LUNAR RISK 19l 11th to American Swinger in Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm) handicap. Earlier 7l 5th to Mr Vincent in Kempton (1m, soft) handicap. SPARKY'S SONG 16l 10th to Gone For A Burton in Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) maiden auction. Previously 18l 11th to Hoochiecoochie Man in Bath (1m 2f, good) maiden.
Selection: TROPICAL JUNGLE

2.40 CITROEN XANTIA SPRINT HANDICAP (BBC1)
(£4,962: 6f) (13 runners)

201 (9) 0000-00 AUGHFAD 18 (V,CD,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-9-10 — J Reid 94
202 (13) 0630-53 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 22 (G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 4-8-9 — Pat Eddery 97
203 (11) 300-115 GORINSKY 7 (CD,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-9-8 — L Piggott 93
204 (2) 450-420 BODARI 4 (F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-9-7 — D Harrison (3) 95
205 (10) 11300-0 BALLASECRET 5 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-9-5 — T Quinn 91
206 (5) 031/06- VERDE ALITALIA 380 (F) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 4-9-4 — W Carson —
207 (8) 400-001 CASTLEREA LAD 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 4-9-4 — W Ryan 97
208 (6) 00-3330 ASSIGNMENT 21 (CD,F,G) (A Gorrie) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-9-2 — T Williams 94
209 (7) 30000-0 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT (CD) (S Roots) G Lewis 7-9-0 — B Russell (7) 98
210 (4) 00200-3 FIVESEVENFIVEO 11 (C,D,BF,F,G) (G Baker) R Hodges 5-8-13 — S Drowne (7) 93
211 (1) 360-340 BELLS OF LONGWICK 11 (Mrs M Wickson) D Laing 4-8-13 — W Newnes 89
212 (12) D4100-0 TEMPLE FORTUNE 18 (D,F,G) (L Ward) R Hannon 4-8-13 — A McGlone 90
213 (3) 000005 MASNUN 11 (CD,F,G,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 8-8-12 — J Weaver (3) 97

BETTING: 11-2 Allthruthenight, 6-1 Castlerea Lad, 7-1 Fivesevenfiveo, Masnun, 8-1 Gorinsky, Assignment, 10-1 Bodari, Bells Of Longwick, 12-1 Aughfad, 16-1 Ballasecret, Verde Alitalia, 20-1 others.

1992: MILAGRO 3-8-10 M Roberts (12-1) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLTHRUTHENIGHT ¾l 3rd of 8 to Case Law in Bath (5f, good) stakes race with BELLS OF LONGWICK (3lb better off) neck 4th. GORINSKY 5¾l 5th of 17 to Mactartane in York (5f, good) handicap. Previously beat Saritgila 1½l in 19-runner Ripon (6f, good) handicap with CASTLEREA LAD (4lb better off) 4l 8th.
VERDE ALITALIA 3½l 6th of 12 to Inherent Magic in Kempton (5f, good) handicap with ALLTHRUTHENIGHT (1lb better off) 17l 10th.
CASTLEREA LAD beat Marttansky ¾l in 18-runner Newmarket (6f, good) handicap with AUGHFAD (8lb better off) 6¾l 12th and TEMPLE FORTUNE (6lb better off) 7½l 16th.
FIVESEVENFIVEO 1½l 3rd of 12 to Heavenly Risk in Bath (5f, firm) handicap with BELLS OF LONGWICK (3lb better off) 4½l 8th. MASNUN 5½l 5th of 12 to Face North in Lingfield (6f, good to firm) handicap.
Selection: MASNUN

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT LUPE STAKES (BBC1)
(Listed Race: 3-Y-O: £14,230: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

301 (2) 311- YAWL 215 (F,S) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-3 — Pat Eddery 89
302 (1) 1 GISARNE 18 (D,G) (Racing Welfare) J Dunlop 8-11 — W Carson 78
303 (6) 24-20 HAZY KAY 17 (T Brady) P Kelleway 8-11 — W Ryan 76
304 (7) 41-02 RAPID REPEAT 25 (S) (Lord Hartington) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 — Paul Eddery 98
305 (3) 2000-20 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 19 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 — D Biggs 82
306 (5) 4- UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 216 (J Ward Hill) C Britain 8-11 — T Quinn 73
307 (4) 3221-42 ZENITH 21 (BF,F) (The Queen) I Balding 8-11 — W Newnes 98

BETTING: 5-4 Yawl, 3-1 Gisarne, 9-2 Rapid Repeat, 5-1 Zenith, 20-1 Upper Mount Clair, 33-1 Hazy Kay, Seasonal Splendour.

1992: OUMALDAAYA 8-11 W Carson (3-1) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

YAWL beat Queen's View ¾l in 7-runner Newmarket (7f, good to firm) group III Rockfel Stakes. Previously beat Rumpus 5l in 5-runner stakes race over same course and distance (good to soft). GISARNE beat Licorne 1¼l in 7-runner Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good) maiden. HAZY KAY over 20l last of 12 to Quebrada in Dusseldorf (1m, good) Group II event. Earlier 2l 2nd of 10 to Sehailah in Leicester (7f, firm) maiden. RAPID REPEAT 3½l 2nd of 13 to River North in Ripon (1m 2f, good) handicap. SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 11l 8th of 11 to Shamam in Newmarket (1m, good) handicap. Previously 2½l 2nd to Stella Mystika in maiden at same track (7f, good). UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 6½l 4th to Bashayer in Newmarket (1m, good to firm) maiden. ZENITH 1½l 2nd of 9 to Polka Dancer in Ascot (1m, good) stakes race. Earlier 9½l 4th to Nicer in Kempton (1m, soft) stakes race with RAPID REPEAT (same terms) 6½l 7th.
Selection: YAWL

3.40 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES HANDICAP (BBC1)
(Qualifier: £6,117: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

401 (4) 3005-22 CASTLE COURAGEOUS 20 (D,BF) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 6-9-7 J Reid 94
402 (1) 11-00 LYPHANTASTIC 8 (F) (Miss S Payson) M Stoute 4-9-0 — W Ryan 95
403 (6) 02-0242 DURSHAN 16 (F,G) (Booasprint) J Jenkins 4-8-13 — Pat Eddery 89
404 (5) 3/13165- INCHCAILLOCH 77J (F,S) (F Carter) J King 4-8-10 — Paul Eddery 90
405 (2) 4311-10 DIME BAG 14 (D,BF,G) (R McAlpine) B Hills 4-8-7 — T Quinn 89
406 (7) 1650-62 MULL HOUSE 26 (D,F,G) (M Lowry) F O'Mahony 5-8-7 — W Carson 95
407 (3) 510004 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 16 (G) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 4-8-7 — A Munro 93

Long handicap: Mull House 8-5, Native Chieftan 8-2.

BETTING: 5-2 Durshan, 3-1 Dime Bag, 7-2 Mull House, 5-1 Castle Courageous, 13-2 Lyphantastic, 14-1 Native Chieftain, 25-1 Inchcailloch.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE COURAGEOUS 2l 2nd of 7 to Crystal Cross in Salisbury (1m 6f, good) handicap with DURSHAN (same terms) 4½l 4th. LYPHANTASTIC beat Severine 3½l in 7-runner Salisbury (1m 4f, hard) handicap. DURSHAN ¾l 2nd to Native Chieftan in Kempton (1m 6f, good to firm) stakes race with NATIVE CHIEFTAN (9lb better off) 4½l 4th. INCHCAILLOCH beat Sadler's Way 1½l in Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap. DIME BAG beat Star Player ¾l in Newmarket (1m 6f, good) handicap with MULL HOUSE (same terms) 10¾l 5th. MULL HOUSE 4l 2nd to Robingo in Sandown (2m 110yd, good) handicap.
Selection: DIME BAG

4.10 CLIVE GRAHAM HANDICAP (£3,882: 1m) (17 runners)

501 (7) 4001-06 GRAND VITESSE 20 (CD,BF,F,S) (R Whitworth) R Hannon 4-10-0 Mark Denaro (7) 90
502 (8) 32263-0 CAUSLEY 16 (D,F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 8-9-13 — A Munro 95
503 (9) 4000-00 TROOPING 21 (D,F) (N Grandfield) G Harwood 4-9-13 — W Carson 93
504 (2) 2050/25 WAKI GOLD 9 (F) (Mrs S Tate) M Channon 6-9-9 — Lorna Vincent 91
505 (5) 4/63602- ELEGANT TOUCH 15J (D,F) (Pond House Racing) M Pipe 4-9-8 — D Harrison (3) 87
506 (3) 14-0000 DASWAKI 20 (CD,F,G,S) (D Allen) G Moore 5-9-7 — B Rouse 93
507 (4) 245-450 VANBOROUGH LAD 4 (B,S) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 4-9-3 — L Piggott 89
508 (1) 000030- LER CRU 37J (F) (B Green) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-0 — T Williams 90
509 (17) 182455- TIFFANY'S CASE 229 (D,G) (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 4-8-0 — R Hills 88
510 (13) 20-4530 SALBYNG 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Jubert) J Hills 5-8-13 — Pat Eddery 96
511 (15) 851001 NOBBY BARNES 7 (D,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-11 — T McLaughlin (7) 99
512 (6) 3005-00 LEAP IN THE DARK 35 (D,F) (Mrs D Morris) Miss L Siddall 4-8-9 — W Ryan 94
513 (14) 4400-00 COURT MINSTREL 20 (CD,F) (G Knight) L Holt 4-8-9 — J Reid 84
514 (11) 4-16032 KISSAVOS 19 (D,F,G) (R Benenson) C Elsey 7-8-7 — T Quinn 89
515 (12) 00/0-000 SLEEPLINE FANTASY 30 (D) (Guest Leasing) M Channon 8-8-7 — N Carlisle —
516 (18) 00428-0 KINGCHIP BOY 25 (V,D,F,G) (Four Jays Racing) M Ryan 4-8-6 — D Biggs 88
517 (10) 36-3400 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 4 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-8-2 — Paul Eddery 97

BETTING: 5-1 Salbyng, 6-1 Nobby Barnes, 7-1 Elegant Touch, 8-1 Kissavos, 10-1 Trooping, 12-1 Waki Gold, Vanborough Lad, Chiltern Hundreds, 14-1 Causley, Daswaki, Tiffany's Case, Leap In The Dark, 16-1 others.

1992: SAAFEND 4-8-4 M Roberts (13-2) J Sutcliffe 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAND VITESSE beat Nest ¾l in handicap over course and distance (good to soft). WAKI GOLD head 2nd of 18 to Waaji in Salisbury (1m, good) handicap on penultimate start with VANBOROUGH LAD (4lb better off) 4¼l 5th, GRAND VITESSE (4lb better off) 1½l 6th, DASWAKI (6lb better off) 4l 8th and COURT MINSTREL 6l 15th. ELEGANT TOUCH 5l 2nd of 15 to Stat's Legacy at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm) handicap. TIFFANY'S CASE 4½l 5th of 10 to Alderbrook in handicap here (1m 2f, good). SALBYNG 1½l 3rd to Beirnoredean in Brighton (1m, good) handicap with SLEEPLINE FANTASY 9½l 10th. NOBBY BARNES beat Langtry Lady ½l in 20-runner Kempton (1m, good) apprentice handicap. KISSAVOS 3l 2nd to Rise Up Singing in Newmarket (7f, good) Ladies handicap with NOBBY BARNES 9l 16th.
Selection: NOBBY BARNES

4.45 GOODWOOD HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,915: 6f) (14 runners)

601 (12) 5 ARABOYBILL 11 (N Gay & B Barry) B Palling 9-0 — Stephen Davies (5) —
602 (14) 33 BASKERVILLE 14 (Exors of Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 A Munro —
603 (7) CALYPSO MONARCH (N Ahamad) R Hannon 9-0 — S Raymont —
604 (6) CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Yahya Nasib) N Callaghan 9-0 — J Williams —
605 (4) DUTY TIME (A Ison) J Dunlop 9-0 — W Carson —
606 (5) GREEN GOLIGHTLY (R Green) M Jarvis 9-0 — W Ryan —
607 (8) MAJESTIC HEIGHTS (Mrs C Hawkings) R Hannon 9-0 — Pat Eddery —
608 (9) 0 PRINCE DANZIG 12 (A Ulrick) D Murray Smith 9-0 — C Rutter —
609 (1) SHEPHERD MARKET (H Hart) R Armstrong 9-0 — L Piggott —
610 (10) TIMELY EXAMPLE (C Wates) P Cole 9-0 — T Quinn —
611 (2) UNBLEST (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-0 — J Reid —
612 (3) 64 ZUNO STAR 33 (V Fazio) G Lewis 9-0 — Paul Eddery —
613 (11) 0 DURANDETTE 12 (I Liddell) J Bridger 8-9 — G Bardwell —
614 (13) ROISIN CLOVER (Brighthelm Racing) P Kelleway 8-9 — A McGlone —

BETTING: 5-2 Majestic Heights, 4-1 Duty Time, 6-1 Timely Example, 7-1 Baskerville, 8-1 Unblest, 10-1 Shepherd Market, Zuno Star, 12-1 Green Golightly, 20-1 others.

1992: FIRM PLEDGE 9-0 A Munro (13-8 fav) P Cole 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARABOYBILL 11l 5th of 16 to Rebellion in Bath (5f, firm) auction maiden. BASKERVILLE 7l 3rd of 8 to Turtle Island in Newbury (5f, good) maiden with ZUNO STAR ¾l 4th. PRINCE DANZIG 9½l 7th of 13 to Lingfield (5f, good) maiden with DURANDETTE 7½l 12th. CALYPSO QUEEN (Foaled apr 2, cost 25,000gns). By Fairy King out of a 1m winner. DUTY TIME (Apr 10, 21,000gns). By Night Shift out of useful 6f juvenile winner Moorish Idol. GREEN GOLIGHTLY (May 11, $65,000). Brother to smart juvenile sprinter Power Of Polly. TIMELY EXAMPLE (Feb 20, $42,000). Half-brother by Timeless Moment to winners in the United States. UNBLEST (Mar 2, 28,000gns). Half-brother by Alzao to 1m winner Reality.
Selection: No Selection

5.20 BOXGROVE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,980: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (6) 0 AKHLAK 32 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 — W Carson —
2 (4) 640-2 BARBOUKH 14 (BF) (R McCreery) D Elsworth 8-11 — J Williams 89
3 (10) 6- CHAPKA 280 (P McBean) W Hern 8-11 — L Piggott 92
4 (9) 0 CHILI LADY 14 (A Scholl) P Makin 8-11 — T Sprake —
5 (5) 200- CITY TIMES 256 (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 8-11 — T Quinn 80
6 (7) EISHRELA (Devonia Stud) B Millman 8-11 — A Munro —
7 (11) 050-2 PETONELLAJILL 20 (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 8-11 — Pat Eddery 85
8 (2) 06004-0 SWISS MOUNTAIN 18 (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-11 — W Newnes 79
9 (8) THRIVING (Mrs D Wigan) J Fanshawe 8-11 — J Reid —
10 (1) 003-430 TRINITY HALL 7 (S Starkey) C Horgan 8-11 — T Williams 76
11 (3) 555006- VILLAVINA 186 (Eurostrait Ltd) S Dow 8-11 — C Rutter 73

BETTING: 11-8 Chapka, 5-2 Petonellajill, 4-1 Barboukh, 12-1 Thriving, 20-1 others.

1992: JADE VALE 8-11 M Hills (3-1) J Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

AKHLAK 23l 12th of 14 to Winged Victory in Newbury (7f, good) maiden. BARBOUKH 1½l 2nd of 6 to Trippiano in Salisbury (1m, firm) maiden. CHAPKA 5¾l 6th of 24 to Fayfa in Newmarket (7f, good) maiden. CITY TIMES 14l 7th of 8 to Sayyedati in group I Moyglare Stud Stakes at The Curragh (7f, yielding to soft). PETONELLAJILL 2l 2nd of 14 to Blue Topaze in Salisbury (6f, good) maiden. TRINITY HALL 5¾l 3rd of 9 to Gamock Valley in Kempton (6f, soft) handicap.
Selection: CHAPKA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Casey	5	14	35.7	A Munro	18	86	20.9
R Armstrong	4	16	25	Pat Eddery	41	202	20.3
W Hern	6	27	22.2	W Carson	45	230	19.6
D Wilson	7	32	21.9	J Reid	27	156	17.3
M Stoute	15	76	19.7	T Sprake	4	29	13.8
P Cole	14	72	19.4	D Harrison	3	27	11.1

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.40: Course specialist Masnun is very well handicapped now but winnerless since September 1991. Fivesevenfiveo, backed from 20-1 to 11-2 at Bath 11 days ago, just failed to land the gamble and ran his best race here last year. Aughfad is visored for the first time this season, but the booking of Pat Eddery for **Allthruthenight** catches the eye and Jack Holt's sprinter can record his first six-furlong success. Assignment failed to stay in the Victoria Cup at Ascot and makes most appeal of the remainder.

3.10: Yawl is the clear form choice but with the filly's preparation interrupted by a cough a fortnight ago and Barry Hills without a winner for four weeks she will represent poor value on her seasonal debut. **Gisarne** was the impressive winner of a maiden at Haydock recently and holds an Oaks entry. John Dunlop's filly looks sure to improve and may spring a surprise. Zenith was no match for the promising Polka Dancer over a mile at Ascot last month, but is likely to appreciate today's extra quarter-mile.

3.40: A weak contest in which few can be seriously fancied. Durshan gave the well-backed Long Silence a run for her money at Kempton and should again be prominent. **Mull House**, who needs fast going, is back on a reasonable handicap mark and can oblige on his favoured ground following a good second to Robingo at Sandown. Dime Bag was disappointing when joint-favourite for the Chester Cup, where he never threatened the leaders after a slow start. He has sound claims judged on his earlier Newmarket success.

RICHARD EVANS

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Who's The Best. 2.50 Harlestone Brook. 3.20 Grotto Pool. 3.50 Manor Adventure. 4.20 Southern Memories. 4.50 Self Expression.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 **GROTTO POOL** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 LANGWITH SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,763: 1m 1f 213yd) (21 runners)

1 -586 MARIBELLA 9 (C,F,S) J Leigh 9-7 — R Cochrane 8
2 -423 BUGLET 13 G Bowery 9-4 — N Day 3
3 6-00 DON'T FORGET MARIE 13 R Hannon 9-3 — K Darley 6
4 -080 KISMETIM 9 B Meehan 9-3 — R Perham 4
5 2645 ANN HILL 11 (D,G) R Hollinshead 9-2 — S Perks 20
6 -400 TTYFRAN 11 F Lee 9-2 — B Raymond 13
7 006- NIGELS PROSPECT 148 D Haydn Jones 9-0 — A Mackay 1
8 3-00 KIAWAH 6 J Fanshawe 8-13 — N Varley (7) 11
9 2524 DANCES WITH GOLD 11 M Johnston 8-12 — Dean McKeown 18
10 06-0 HOBEY CAT 37 M Pipe 8-12 — G Duffield 7
11 3555 SCOFFERA 44 N Tinkler 8-11 — Kim Tinkler 17
12 -326 STAPLEFORD LASS 27 (D,S) S Woods 8-9 — W Woods 9
13 0-00 BOISTEROUS 6 (B) W Muir 8-7 — Kim McDonnell (7) 12
14 -000 WHO'S THE BEST 23 A Jarvis 8-7 — S Whitworth 19
15 -450 PREMIER BLUES 16 R Williams 8-6 — N Adams 2
16 46-0 GYPSY CRYSTAL 16 R Whitaker 8-3 — A Culhane 14
17 -000 PETITE JESS 8 T Mills 8-2 — J Quinn 10
18 6000 UNIVERSAL 16 K Cunningham-Brown 8-2 — L Charnock 16
19 000- PRINCESS NEBIA 245 B McMath 8-2 — E Johnson 15
20 -036 SUMMERS DREAM 11 B Richmond 8-0 — G Carter 21
21 0-40 BECKY BOO 30 R Price 7-12 — J Lowe 5

8-1 Don't Forget Marie, 7-1 Stapleford Lass, 8-1 Buglet, Gypsy Crystal, 10-1 Who's The Best, 12-1 Kiawah, Dances With Gold, Ann Hill, 14-1 others.

2.50 FOREST HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,261: 1m 6f 15yd) (12)

1 0631 ROSIE'S GOLD 14 (F) D Morris 9-7 — M Tebbutt 1
2 -511 HARLESTONE BROOK 15 (F,S) J Dunlop 9-5 — G Carter 6
3 00-1 ONE VOICE 51 (F) M Prescott 9-2 — G Duffield 11
4 -555 ROMALITO 16 M Blanshard 9-0 — R Cochrane 5
5 05-0 SENSE OF HUMOUR 8 G Bowery 8-12 — N Day 12
6 0-30 PUGET DANCER 22 (V) M Bell 8-5 — M Fenton (5) 4
7 054- MISS RIBBONS 205 Pat Mitchell 8-3 — Kim McDonnell (7) 3
8 0-04 SOCIAL VISION 12 M Avison 8-1 — L Charnock 10
9 00-4 BRANSBY ROAD 16 R Akehurst 8-0 — J Quinn 8
10 -653 PAPER DAYS 16 P Murphy 7-10 — N Adams 2
11 6055 PERSIAN STAR 23 K Cunningham-Brown 7-7 — Darren Moffatt (5) 9
12 000- SNUG SURPRISE 224 J Wainwright 7-7 — J Fanning 7

2-1 Harlestone Brook, 11-2 One Voice, 7-1 Puget Dancer, 8-1 Bransby Road, Rosie's Gold, 10-1 Romalito, 12-1 Paper Days, 14-1 others.

3.20 CINDERHILL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,874: 5f 13yd) (14)

1 BEDAZZLE 224 M Brittain 9-0 — M Wigham 4
2 CAPTAIN CARAT 224 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 — K Fallon 8
3 0 EL COHETE 11 A Jarvis 9-0 — S Whitworth 10
4 GONE TO POT 11 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 — J Lowe 6
5 2 GROTTO POOL 18 J Toller 9-0 — G Duffield 2
6 HELLABY 18 S Norton 9-0 — D Pears (5) 7
7 4 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 22 J Leigh 9-0 — Dean McKeown 1
8 TARTAN GEM 22 B McMath 9-0 — E Johnson 9
9 0 TWIN CREEKS 19 P Harris 9-0 — J Quinn 13
10 ZIGGYS BOY 19 J Bradley 9-0 — N Adams 3
11 ELLARUTH 19 M Tompkins 8-9 — P Robinson 11
12 002 JUST GREENWICH 13 T Mills 8-9 — K Darley 12
13 0 SOTTISES 25 B McMahon 8-9 — J Fortune 5
14 TINKER OSMASTON 25 C Williams 8-9 — J Carroll 14

8-11 Grotto Pool, 13-2 Ellaruth, 8-1 Gone To Pot, 10-1 Johnnie The Joker, 14-1 Just Greenwich, Twin Creeks, Captain Carat, 16-1 Hellaby, 20-1 others.

3.50 FLYING HORSE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,289: 5f 13yd) (10)

1 2-5 BALLET SHOES 14 R Charlton 8-11 — R Cochrane 9
2 -524 LAMSONETTI 9 (V) R Whitaker 8-11 — A Culhane 10
3 005- MANOR ADVENTURE 201 B McMahon 8-11 — J Fortune 8
4 MIL BESOS 201 P Jones 8-11 — R Perham 1
5 6 MOLLY BRAZEN 12 J Etherington 8-11 — K Darley 6
6 0- NICHODOULA 212 M Prescott 8-11 — G Duffield 2
7 0 PHASE ONE 16 P Felgate 8-11 — N Adams 4
8 0-60 RUSSIA WITH LOVE 16 J Bethell 8-11 — Dean McKeown 3
9 800- SHE'S A BREEZE 225 A Smith 8-11 — M Birch 5
10 3-24 VICTORIA HALL 20 W G M Turner 8-11 — G Carter 7

4-7 Ballet Shoes, 9-2 Victoria Hall, 8-1 Lamsonetti, 10-1 others.

4.20 BAGTHORPE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,669: 6f 15yd) (11)

1 1-01 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 9 (D,F,G) R Hannon 10-0 (7ex) — D Gibbs (7) 1
2 0-30 PAIR OF JACKS 11 (D,G) W Muir 9-7 — W Woods 8
3 040- TUSCAN DAWN 226 (G) J Berry 9-4 — J Carroll 11
4 0-08 MINSHAAR 6 (G) J Spearing 9-1 — K Darley 6
5 -534 RED FAN 20 (BF) J Watts 9-0 — N Connorton 10
6 -310 ASHGORE 25 (D,BF,G) M Johnston 8-13 — Dean McKeown 4
7 6-33 HOTARIA 25 (D,S) R Whitaker 8-12 — A Culhane 7
8 1326 HERSHEBAR 25 (B,D,G) S Bowring 8-12 — G Strange (7) 3
9 4-00 FLASHMAN 32 F Lee 8-9 — G Carter 2
10 00-4 MELODIC DRIVE 22 P Felgate 8-5 — J Lowe 5
11 0-00 KENSWORTH LADY 11 M Blanshard 7-9 — N Adams 9

9-4 Southern Memories, 7-1 Hotaria, 8-1 Minshaar, Ashgore, Hershebar, 10-1 Pair Of Jacks, 12-1 Red Fan, 14-1 Flashman, Kensworth Lady, 16-1 others.

4.50 LANGWORTH APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,889: 1m 54yd) (18)

1 -103 DUNE RIVER 11 (G) D Loder 4-10-0 — I Hughes (8) 18
2 000- GARTH 194 (F) R Hollinshead 5-9-12 — L Aspell (8) 12
3 0000 SELF EXPRESSION 11 (V,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-2 — D Thomas (8) 1
4 0400 TAHITIAN 15 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-2 — C Teague 5
5 1545 KING PARROT 7 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-0 — D Salt (8) 15
6 2052 SANDMOOR DENIM 4 (D,F,G) S Bowring 6-9-0 G Strange (3) 17
7 0250 TAUNTING 15 (B) M Blanshard 5-8-6 — S McCarthy 8
8 0-06 SLY PROSPECT 12 (F) K White 5-8-5 — C Webb (5) 2
9 0-03 LADY DONOGHUE 9 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-3 — Wendy Jones (5) 7
10 3226 GOOD IMAGE 11 A Jarvis 3-8-3 — D O'Neill (5) 9
11 0-00 LITERARY CRITIC 7 (B) A Chamberlain 4-8-1 — G Milligan 13
12 6305 SOOTY TERN 16 (CD,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-0 — R Waterfield 16
13 1660 ROYAL ACCLAIM 14 (V,D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-8-0 — Michael Bradley (3) 11
14 05-0 LINPAC EXPRESS 12 (B) P Dalton 4-7-12 — A Whelan 4
15 -556 SKIMMER HAWK 9 (V) Bob Jones 4-7-8 Sally Radford-Howes 3
16 -000 CHANCE REPORT 9 (F) F Lee 5-7-7 — F Savage (5) 10
17 0/00 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 25 B McMahon 4-7-7 — J Bramhill (3) 14
18 0-05 MY SISTER LUCY 12 A Jarvis 3-7-7 — Martin Dwyer 6

11-2 Self Expression, 6-1 Dune River, 7-1 Lady Donoghue, 8-1 Tahitian, Taunting, 10-1 Sandmoor Denim, Sooty Tern, 12-1 King Parrot, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Charlton, 7 winners from 18 runners, 38.9%; J Dunlop, 21 from 104, 20.2%; M Prescott, 5 from 30, 16.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 4 from 28, 14.3%; F Lee, 6 from 43, 14%; J Berry, 11 from 83, 13.3%.
JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 4 winners from 25 rides, 16%; R Cochrane, 14 from 88, 15.9%; T Quinn, 12 from 82, 14.6%; K Darley 6 from 54, 11.1%; J Carroll, 6 from 60, 10%; G Carter, 12 from 123, 9.8%.

Derby acceptors: Advocat, Armiger, Barathea, Blue Judge, Blues Traveller, Bob's Return, Cairo Prince, Canaska Star, Coeur Battant, Commander In Chief, Dernier Empereur, Desert Secret, Desert Team, Enjoy Plan, Fatherland, Foresee, Geisway, Great Cabaret, Marchand De Sable, Planetary Aspect, Redenham, Reveur Du Nord, Salatin, Shareek, Tales Of Hearsay, Tenby, Wolf Prince, Zeami, Zind.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.30 Show The Flag. 3.00 Extra Grand. 3.30 Wings Of Freedom. 4.00 Stepfaster. 4.30 Gembridge Jupiter. 5.00 Be My Habitat.

Brian Beel: 4.30 Assaglawi.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

2.30 EARLS CROOME NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£2,013: 2m) (20 runners)

1 1661 MISS EQUILIA 6 (B) M Pipe 7-11-9 — R Dunwoody
2 00-1 ARRAN VIEW 38 (B) B Llewellyn 7-11-7 — Mr J Llewellyn (7)
3 1030 PUSEY STREET BOY 127 (CD,F) J Bosley 6-11-7 — M Bosley
4 0U12 SHELLY'S FOLLY 7 (D,F) R Hodges 8-11-7 — H Davies
5 00PF AARDVARK 13 (B) N Tinkler 7-11-0 — G McCourt
6 680/ AYANDEE 1685 N Mitchell 11-11-0 — P Holley
7 0-RP CHEQUE BOOK 18 W Mann 5-11-0 — Mr B Pollock (7)
8 0S14 COBB GATE 11 (B,G) B Stevens 5-11-0 — M Stevens (7)
9 60-0 DE LA BILLIERE 21 H Wallis 5-11-0 — D O'Sullivan (3)
10 00PP DOTTEREL 152 R Brazington 5-11-0 — W Humphreys
11 00SF ENCHANTED FLYER 22 T Donnelly 6-11-0 — T Eley (5)
12 80PP GREEN'S STUBBS 216 A Barrow 6-11-0 — W Irvine
13 5UP0 JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 18 Mrs J Scrivens 10-11-0 T Dascombe (7)
14 /P-5 POLYMOIDS 13 R Thompson 7-11-0 — D Skyrme
15 4264 SHOW THE FLAG 88 K Bailey 5-11-0 — J Osborne
16 P- SUNSET STREET 25F A Forbes 6-11-0 — Gary Lyons
17 2310 HALLO MAM 11 (D,F) O Brennan 4-10-11 — M Brennan
18 020P GOTAGETON 8 D Murray Smith 6-10-9 — M A Fitzgerald
19 0/0 MICHELLE CLARE 16 P Butler 7-10-9 — A Maguire
20 0040 SHARDRA 58 M Barraclough 4-10-4 — S McNeill

11-4 Miss Equilia, 4-1 Arran View, 9-2 Show The Flag, 6-1 Hallo Mam, 10-1 Shelly's Folly, 14-1 Cobb Gate, Pusey Street Boy, 16-1 others.

3.00 HANDLEY CASTLE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,443; 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 22FP OBIE'S TRAIN 39 (G,S) M Pipe 7-12-1 — R Dunwoody
2 PF13 EXTRA GRAND 14 (CD,G) O Sherwood 7-11-9 — J Osborne
3 R531 ROMFUL PRINCE 12 (F,G,S) C Mitchell 10-11-9 — D Bridgwater
4 506- CHARLTON YEOMAN 482 (G,S) R Rowe 8-11-3 — H Davies
5 PPP4 EIGHTY EIGHT 18 Mrs H Dowson 8-11-3 — V Slattery (3)
6 5 IRISH VELVET 11 R Frost 7-11-3 — J Frost
7 2U60 NOTARY-NOWELL 6 (B,BF,G) F Murphy 7-11-3 — A Maguire
8 F55 SOLAR GREEN 18 G Ham 8-11-3 — S Mackey

11-10 Obie's Train, 4-1 Extra Grand, 11-2 Romful Prince, 6-1 Notary-Nowell, 8-1 Charlton Yeoman, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 33 winners from 95 runners, 34.7%; O Sherwood, 15 from 50, 30%; Miss H Knight, 10 from 35, 28.6%; F Murphy, 6 from 23, 26.1%; N Tinkler, 3 from 19, 15.8%; S Christian, 3 from 19, 15.8%.
JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 14 winners from 54 rides, 25.9%; N Doughty, 3 from 12, 25%; J Osborne, 14 from 66, 21.2%; N Mann, 8 from 40, 20%; W Marston, 4 from 25, 16%; S Smith Eccles, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

3.30 RYALL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,355; 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 0060 PACTOLUS 64 (F,G,S) S Christian 10-12-0 — G Upton
2 PF42 MAYFAIR MINX 8 (D,F,G) S Christian 8-11-3 M McGoragle (5)
3 1154 MR TAYLOR 15 (C,D,F,S) H Collingridge 8-10-9 — V Smith
4 1/10 LING (G) R Frost 8-10-1 — J Frost
5 0432 WINGS OF FREEDOM 11 (F) J Jenkins 5-10-1 — J Osborne
6 2312 STRAIGHT LACED 16 (B,D,G) P Clarke 6-10-0 Leesa Long (7)
7 5030 MY SWAN SONG 23F (F) J Smith 8-10-0 — D Leahy (5)
8 0F33 MY KEY SILCA 37 (F,G,S) (B) C Nash 8-10-0 — R Dunwoody
9 B202 CASTLE DIAMOND 8 (F) (D) H Kavanagh 6-10-0 — J A Harris
10 0050 ENBORNE LAD 16 (C,D,B,BF,G,S) G Enright 9-10-0 — M Perrett
11 -00F BRIGADIER BILL 58 (F) J White 8-10-0 — P McLoughlin (7)
12 033/ SMITHY'S CHOICE 1474 (V,F) N Anderson 11-10-0 M A Fitzgerald

11-4 Wings Of Freedom, 7-2 Mr Taylor, 9-2 Mayfair Minx, 7-1 Ling, 8-1 others.

4.00 UPTON ON SEVERN HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,248: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 1151 COPPER MINE 11 (CD,F,G,S) O Sherwood 7-11-10 — J Osborne
2 F341 STEPFASTER 25 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-10-13 — Mr A Thornton (3)
3 12U3 LOVE ANEW 16 (F,G) M Dixon 8-10-10 — D Murphy
4 5P1P PRY'S-JOY 25 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 9-10-8 — A Maguire
5 3P23 BEN TIRRAN 13 (V,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0 — D Telfer
6 3033 COMEDY ROAD 7 (F,G) R Lee 9-10-0 — L Harvey
7 7/332-5 TRY ME NOW 11 (D,F) Miss E England 7-10-0 — R Supple

2-1 Copper Mine, 5-2 Stepfaster, 9-2 Pry's-Joy, 7-1 Love Anew, 16-1 others.

4.30 KINNERSLEY HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,381; 2m 7f) (11)

1 3P11 ASSAGLAWI 16 (CD,F,G) Miss H Knight 11-12-7 Miss A Dare (5)
2 2214 GEMBRIDGE JUPITER 15 (BF,F,G,S) C Trietline 15-12-7 — Miss J Butler (7)
3 6P-1 BETTY HAYES 8 (F,S) H Wellstead 9-12-2 — Miss S Barraclough (7)
4 R6 BARGAIN AND SALE 42 D Minty 8-12-0 — T Greed (7)
5 43 CAPE COTTAGE 14 D Caro 9-12-0 — A Phillips (7)
6 -353 JUST MICK 16 (F) Mrs H Dowson 12-12-0 A Charles-Jones (7)
7 /1/2 RADIO CUE 14 (F) P Bowen 10-12-0 — J A Llewellyn (7)
8 P33P RYTON RUN 14 Mrs S Odell 8-12-0 — R Lawther (7)
9 3-2P SALCOMBE HARBOUR 74 (G,S) (C) H Irish 9-12-0 — P Pritchard (7)
10 -50P THE CITY MINSTREL 28 (F,G) S Bush 8-12-0 — M Portman (7)
11 3/6R PATCHOULI'S PET 14 (F) F Matthews 10-11-9 — J Rice (7)

8-4 Assaglawi, 9-4 Radio Cue, 6-1 Cape Cottage, 8-1 Betty Hayes, 12-1 Gembridge Jupiter, 20-1 others.

5.00 RIPPLE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,257; 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 P211 ELITE REG 8 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-12-2 (7ex) — R Dunwoody
2 6001 BE MY HABITAT 14 (F,S) Miss L Siddall 4-11-10 — Mr A Thornton (3)
3 1212 STORM DRUM 8 (B,F,S) K Bailey 4-11-9 — J Osborne
4 1416 MARSH'S LAW 16 (V,G,S) O Brennan 6-11-3 — M Brennan
5 4123 TRONCHETTO 32 (D,BF,F) J J O'Neill 4-11-2 — M Dwyer
6 0P22 MR-PAW 22 F Murphy 10-11-1 — A Maguire
7 513 ELSA 8 (V,F) P Murphy 4-10-8 — E Murphy
8 F402 WAYWARD EDWARD 13 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 7-10-0 — D Telfer
9 2500 LITTLEDALE 16 M Wilkinson 7-10-0 — C Llewellyn
10 UP00 WEST MONKTON 21 C Nash 7-10-0 — J Kavanagh
11 0552 SINGING DETECTIVE 16 P McEntee 6-10-0 — G Crone (7)
12 P364 SUNDAY JIM 12 H Webb 9-10-0 — D Meade (7)

3-1 Elite Reg, 4-1 Marsh's Law, 9-2 Be My Habitat, 11-2 Tronchetto, 7-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.10 (7f) 1, SIMPLY FINESSE (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, Beltry Green (R Hills, 66-1); 3, Arid (M Roberts, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Jaazim (4th), 11-4 Moon Flask (5th), 33 Sleepsite (6th), 50 Woodmens Star. 7 ran. NR: Kutan. 2½l, hd, 5l, 6l, 2½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £9.20. DF: £69.50. Trio: £67.80. CSF: £98.90.

2.40 (1m 4f) 1, PISTOL RIVER (J Reid, 7-1); 2, Bohemian Crown (M Roberts, 5-1); 3, Licorne (W Ryan, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Son of Sharp Shot (ur), 7 Namee (6th), 8 Grand Applause (5th), 10 Soul Emperor (4th). 7 ran. 1l, 7l, ¾l, 8l, 5l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £8.80; £2.90, £2.80. DF: £21.10. CSF £36.91.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, GEISWAY (L Piggott, 9-2); 2, Beneficial (M Hills, 4-6 fav); 3, Visto Si Stampi (Pat Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Salaan (4th), 25 Mr Martini (6th), 33 Canaska Star (5th). 6 ran. Sh hd, 2l, ¾l, sh hd, nk. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.75.

3.40 (6f) 1, HALF TERM (M Roberts, 5-2); 2, Lord Olivier (M Tebbutt, 5-1); 3, Surprise Offer (L Piggott, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Factual (4th), 12 Carranita (5th). 5 ran. 2l, ¾l, hd. 1l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £9.90. CSF: £12.53.

4.10 (1m 2f) 1, RED BISHOP (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Bobzao (J Reid, 40-1); 3, Jeune (R Cochrane, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Zaahi (4th), Cloud of Dust (5th), 40 Justice (6th). 6 ran. Nk, ¾l, 7l, 15l, 12l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £6.00; £2.60, £5.30. DF: £58.50. CSF: £83.61.

4.45 (6f) 1, MAZEEKA (Emma O'Gorman, 7-2); 2, Sheriff (R Hills, 16-1); 3, Rose of Glenn (Stephen Davies, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Sweet Whisper (4th), 13-2 Risky Affair, 10 Riskie Things (5th), He Shall Reign, 20 Son of Hadeer (6th), Storm, 25 Petite Post, 33 First Shot, Thorny Bishop. 12 ran. 4l, ¾l, 2l, sh hd, 1½l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £3.40, £2.90. DF: £42.30. Trio: £151.60 pool £1,570.11. CSF: £53.74.

5.20 (1m 1f) 1, REFLECTING (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 2, Wakil (A Munro, 8-1); 3, Moon Spin (W Carson, 12-1); 4, Dancing Sensation (T Quinn, 5-2 Fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Albert, 10 Remany, 12 Lady Lacey, 14 Doyce, 16 Alternmeera, 25 Brasil, Lucky Noire, Celia Brady, Norman Warrior, Dancing Beau (5th), 33 Misty View, Young Max, Roly Wallace, Ice Strike, Jolto, Tadora (6th). 20 ran. NR: Lord Oberon, State of Affairs. ½l, 2½l, nk, ½l, 3l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £11.30; £2.70, £1.80, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £31.30. Trio: £132.00. CSF: £82.08. Tricast: £884.39.

Jackpot: not won. (pool of £15,702.33 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £1,605.60.

Beverley

Going: firm

2.30 (5f) 1, BROOKHEAD LADY (D Holland, 10-1); 2, Palacegate Jo (J Carroll, 5-1); 3, Rita's Joy (T Sprake, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4-9 fav Passion Sunday (4th), 14 Martian Forest (5th), 16 Carnegie Blue, 33 West Coast (6th), Ten Times Tango. 8 ran. NR: Harpo's Special. Nk, 3½l, 1l, 1l, 4l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £11.60; £1.60, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £20.50. CSF: £55.33.

3.00 (7f 100yd) 1, CAVATINA (S D Williams, 14-1); 2, Diplomatist (L Dettori, 3-1); 3, Mysilv (P Robinson, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Celestial Choir (5th), 16 Jemena (6th), Kinteel, 20 Fleshelia (4th). 7 ran. 3l, ½l, ¾l, 5l, 20l. T Donnelly at Swadlincote. Tote: £11.90; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £10.60. CSF: £51.53.

3.30 (1m 100yd) 1, PAY HOMAGE (L Dettori, 2-1 fav); 2, Cumbrian Challenge (M Birch, 10-1); 3, Double Flutter (Paul Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Left The Lucky (5th), Langtry Lady (6th); 6 No Submission, 16 Amenable (4th). 7 ran. NR: Achelous. ¾l, 3l, hd, 1½l, 4l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £4.90. DF: £14.60. CSF: £19.22. Tricast: £91.72.

4.00 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, BAY QUEEN (M Fenton, 11-2); 2, Alyakkh (N Carlisle, 7-1); 3, Solartica (K Darley, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Bobbysoxer, 8 Rispoto, 17-2 Amerigue, 10 Latest Flame, 12 Barley Cake (5th), 16 Persian Fountain (6th), 33 Merry Mermaid (4th). 10 ran. 1½l, hd, ½l, 2l, nk. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £7.00; £2.10, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £15.60. CSF: £41.81. Tricast: £102.71.

4.30 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, EIRE LEATH-SCEAL (J Lowe, 6-1); 2, In Truth (L Dettori, 20-1); 3, Selu (G Duffield, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Native Mission, 7 West With The Wind, 8 Golden Torque, 12 Luks Akura (5th), 14 Joseph's Wine, 16 Master of The Rock (4th), Not Yet, 20 Nancy, 33 Lambson (6th), Escape Talk, 50 Stelia, Isobar. 15 ran. NR: Personal Hazard. Nk, 1l, 1½l, 2l, ½l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £4.50, £1.90. DF: £65.40. CSF: £90.10. Tricast: £722.80.

5.00 (5f) 1, LUCKY PARKES (J Carroll, 5-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sir Harry Hardman (B Raymond, 15-2); 3, Sizzling Saga (S D Williams, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Case Law, 11-2 Saint Express (4th), 16 Celestial Key (6th), Abergele, 20 Sabo Song (5th), 25 Chickchamie, 33 Palium, 50 Another Lane. 11 ran. 6l, 1½l, ½l, 1½l, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £3.20, £8.00. DF: £9.50. CSF: £11.60.

Placepot: £41.40.

Blinkered first time: Nottingham: 2.50 Puget Dancer. 3.50 Lamsonetti. 4.50 Skimmer Hawk.

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Backley helps to pierce javelin barrier

ROWLAND LEON



Getting the point: Steve Backley demonstrates his technique in Telford yesterday to young javelin throwers aiming to emulate the former world record holder



A new scheme has been seeking javelin talent. **David Powell**, athletics correspondent, reports

In Finland everyone knows someone who throws a javelin, like everyone in Britain knows someone who runs. Paivi Alafrantti, the women's European champion, took up the javelin because she wanted to show off to the ten boys next door, every one a javelin thrower. What if British children were as sold on it? If only . . .

Throwing javelins may not be part of the British culture but, curiously, we have excelled at it. The javelin is by far the most successful British field event of recent times. Pure luck, according to John Trower, the national coach.

"All the success we have had in javelin throwing the last ten years has been fortuitously gained," Trower said. Fortuitous in the sense that Steve Backley, Fatima Whitbread, Tessa Sanderson and David Ottley succeeded in spite of the system. "I broke the English Schools intermediate boys' record, but I did not get a coach until I was 23; I don't think the system is any better now," Trower added.

Or rather, it was not until two months ago when Trower began the TI Apollo Backley Challenge competition. These past few weeks javelins have been flying through the air over Shropshire like tennis balls at Wimbledon during the last week of June and first week of July. "We are looking for the next Steve Backley," Trower said. Yesterday they found him, and the next Sanderson.

Some 2,500 schoolchildren have been watched by Trower and Ottley, the 1984 Olympic silver medal winner, with 170 qualifying for yesterday's final in Telford. Mark Bryant, 14, from Bridgnorth, with a throw of 42 metres, was proclaimed as the next Backley. He could make no promises, but, now that he was to be coached by Trower as his reward for victory, he would certainly try. Sian Lax, 13, of Much Wenlock, was the girls' winner.

Trower's combing of schools is to ensure that javelin throwers do not end up playing cricket. "In Finland the javelin is a national sport, so if you can throw you get picked up through school; in this country, if you can throw you play cricket, and we want to stop that," Trower said.

There have been too many examples of British sport enjoying its champions, not thinking of tomorrow's: tennis after Fred Perry is one; in athletics we think of the long jump, which buried its head in the sand after Lynn Davies planted his feet in it further than anyone else at the 1964 Olympics. The javelin is an event now helping itself.

Had Backley not been consumed by the event, the system would not have saved him. He began as a runner until discovering a pile of aluminium javelins at a local sports ground, asking the groundsman if he could keep one.

Success was not immediate: Backley implored his teacher to pick him for a schools match, and the teacher dropped one of his team to make way for him. Three no-throws later he was out. So began the competitive life of the future European champion, world record holder and International Amateur Athletic Federation world athlete of the year for 1990.

Backley, 24, has lost his world record, Jan Zelezny adding more than four metres to it with 95.54 metres. "Zelezny throwing 95 metres has really made me look to improve," he said yesterday. After his European and Commonwealth wins in 1990, he disappointed in 1991 by failing to reach the world championship final and his third place in the Olympics last year was not what he had hoped.

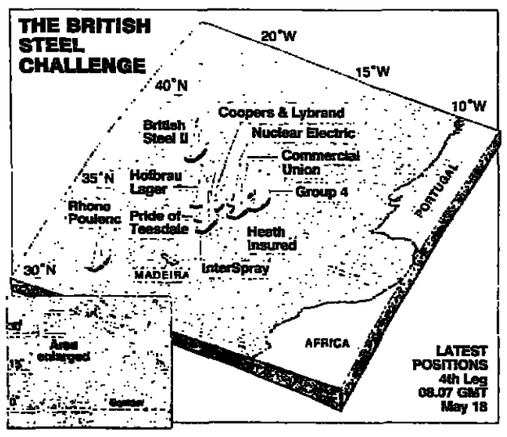
"You can say its been a disappointing two years, but only by my own standards," he said pointing to a world record in January of 1992 and Olympic bronze medal in August.

Backley is eager to win his first global gold medal. He will start his season at the Pearl meeting in Portsmouth on June 5, then face an important team competition in the European Cup at the end of the month.

"I am hungry to throw," he said. And the injuries? "My groin and elbow are good and the shoulder is okay. Not 100 per cent, but it wasn't when I threw 91 metres."

Meanwhile, Trower is planning to widen his Backley Challenge scheme, taking it outside Shropshire to all the counties.

Chasing pack hard on heels of Merriweather



By Barry Pickthall

AS THE leaders in the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race closed to within a thousand miles of the Southampton finish yesterday, Richard Merriweather's Commercial Union continued to hold a tenuous 11-mile lead over Group 4 Securitas, the first in a close bunch of chasing yachts.

British Steel II, skippered by Richard Tudor, who took the gamble a week ago of steering an extreme westerly route up the Atlantic in search of stronger winds, remains the most northerly yacht and is sailing with freer sheets into strong north-easterly winds than those crews 180 miles to the east, as they move towards Cape Finisterre later this week.

Group 4, skippered by Mike Golding, has an equally tenuous 12-mile lead over John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric, her rival for overall honours.

The pressure is beginning to tell, particularly on Nuclear Electric. "Talk about intense, the pressure on the skipper and crew is immense," Greta Thomas said on board Nuclear Electric yesterday. "It will be 14 very exhilarated but exhausted people when we eventually set foot on dry land in Southampton. It is like a cat-and-mouse game out here. One day we gain, the next, our rival does.

"But the gains are so small on either side that it appears that the race for overall victory will continue right up to the end."

Vivian Cherry, skipper of Coopers & Lybrand, which dropped to sixth yesterday behind British Steel II, reported: "The temperatures are beginning to drop and the thermals are coming out of storage. Days of T-shirts and shorts are over.

"The winds seem more consistent now with the long-range forecast showing a depression developing to give us a westerly gale up the Channel for what should be a match-racing finish.

"Every mile gained in the right direction over the other yachts is jealously guarded on board. We are working very hard on trimming for speed as we are now two sails down. Our Genoa and promotional spinnaker are both ripped beyond repair. The only consolation is that our heavyweight spinnaker which blew out on the first night from Cape Town is back in use."

On other boats, thoughts are turning to home. Ian McGillivray, the skipper of Pride of Teesside, reflected: "Some have jobs to step back into but there are others who have no jobs or home to call their own as they sold everything to take part in this adventure."

LATEST POSITIONS: Leg Four (Cape Town to Southampton, positions at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 984; 2, Group 4 (M Golding), 995; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 1,007; 4, Rhone Poulenc (P Phillips), 1,022; 5, British Steel II (R Tudor), 1,036; 6, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 1,070; 7, Hofbrau Lager (P Gough), 1,091; 8, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 1,098; 9, Interspray (P Jeffs), 1,129; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 1,404.
□ Results supplied by British Telecom.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sampras rallies after shaky start

THE United States tennis team survived a shaky performance by Pete Sampras, the world No 1, to defeat Switzerland 3-0 yesterday on the opening day of the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf. Spain also won 2-1 against Russia, putting the defending champions at the top of the blue group standings with the US.

Sampras staved off two match points in the second set tie-break against Marc Rosset before beating the Swiss Olympic champion 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. "I shouldn't have won the match," Sampras said. "But you need some luck to fend off two match points."

The American, Michael Chang, easily beat Jacob Hlasek 6-2, 6-3 in the other singles, while the doubles team of Patrick McEnroe and Richey Reneberg slipped past Hlasek and Rosset 6-4, 6-3. The United States, the top seeds in the blue group, are seeking a record fourth title and their first since 1985.

Tough task for Pyatt

BOXING: Chris Pyatt will have to call on all his experience and stamina to overcome Sumbu Kalambay, a middleweight born in Zaire but based in Italy, as he makes a second attempt to win a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title in his home town of Leicester tonight. Although Kalambay is 37, he remains a formidable opponent, having won 57 and drawn one of his 63 bouts. He has twice beaten Herol Graham and also defeated Mike McCallum, the former World Boxing Association title-holder, but lost the rematch. Pyatt, 29, was beaten by John David Jackson, of the United States, when he attempted to win the WBO light-middleweight title in 1990.

Stephens returns

RUGBY LEAGUE: Gary Stephens is to return to Halifax as assistant to Mal Reilly. Stephens, who played under Reilly for six seasons at Castleford, has resigned as assistant coach at Leeds. He replaces Allan Agar, who has moved to Castleford. Stephens, 40, who coached Ryedale-York before moving to Leeds as assistant two years ago, said: "I had some successful years with Mal at Castleford and I'm looking forward to working with him again."
□ Peter Regan, the Australian coach, has signed a new 12-month contract with Rochdale Hornets, of the second division.

Khristova tests positive

ATHLETICS: Tsvetanka Khristova, the women's world discus champion and Olympic silver medal-winner, has failed a drugs test. The Bulgarian athletics federation said yesterday that Khristova and another discus thrower, Stefenia Simova, had failed an initial A test. The samples were taken during a visit to Bulgaria in March by officials from the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The out-of-competition tests were carried out mainly in the Sofia area and involved 13 athletes. Their second, or B, samples will be examined by the IAAF/Olympic sports laboratory in Cologne on a date yet to be decided.

Players cashing in

RUGBY UNION: Australian players will make a financial killing this year without breaking the sport's strict rules of not being paid to play the game. The 1991 World Cup winners are expected to earn at least Aus$30,000 (£13,600) each from sponsorship, promotion, televison rights and a gala dinner, the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) said yesterday. The Wallabies have formed a players' company, Wallaby Promotions and Marketing, which channels profits back to the players. Last year the ARU gave the Wallaby squad ten per cent of its Aus$1.56 million revenue and this year it is expected to contribute more.

LeMond not listed

CYCLING: Organisers of the Tour de France yesterday announced the names of 14 teams entered for the race, but Greg LeMond's GAN squad was not an automatic qualifier. LeMond's squad could still compete if his team is among six wild-card invitations that will be issued on June 15. LeMond won the Tour de France in 1986, 1989 and 1990. He faded to seventh in 1991 and dropped out last year. The American rider has fared poorly in races this season. Miguel Indurain, of Spain, has won the last two Tours. His Banesto team is second in the international professional rankings, which determine the automatic entries.

Gascoigne unmasked

FOOTBALL: The carbon mask designed to protect Paul Gascoigne's fractured cheekbone has been stolen. The theft occurred at Lazio's training ground on Sunday night, only hours after Gascoigne had inspired his team to a 5-0 win over Ancona. Although no club officials were available to confirm the story, the Italian newspaper, *Corriere dello Sport*, speculated that the mask — worth about 200,000 lire (£100) — was stolen by a Lazio supporter. Gascoigne fractured his cheekbone in a mid-air collision during England's 2-2 draw with Holland in a World Cup qualifying match at Wembley last month.

Level pegging in Texaco Trophy

THE match today at Old Trafford is the 53rd one-day cricket international between England and Australia. In a series that dates back to January 1979, both teams have won 25 matches, with one tie and one abandonment.

Their most recent encounter was a day-night match in Sydney during the World Cup last year, and England enjoyed a comfortable victory. They dismissed Australia in 49 overs for 171, a total they passed in fewer than 41 overs and for the loss of only two wickets. Botham, excluded from England's squad for the Texaco Trophy, took four wickets for 31 and scored 53 in an opening partnership of 107 with Graham Gooch, who made 58.

Gooch has a fine record in these matches, having hit four centuries with a highest of 136 at Lord's in 1989 (the most recent match between the teams in England). Australia's leading century-maker is Dean Jones, who is not on the present tour, with three.

Manchester, with its reputation for rain, has managed to stage one-day internationals without mishap. The only abandoned Anglo-Australian match was in Sydney in 1979.

The last time Australia toured, the three-match series produced a win for each side, with the game at Trent Bridge tied. England took the Texaco Trophy by losing fewer wickets in the tied game.

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CAREER RECORDS

England batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
D G Cork	1	0	0	0	0	—	-	-	-
N H Fairbrother	37	35	8	1104	113	40.88	1	8	14
G A Gooch	117	114	6	4145	142	38.36	9	23	43
G A Hick	29	28	5	944	105*	41.04	1	8	18
R K Illingworth	16	5	2	40	14	13.33	-	-	8
P W Jarvis	13	8	2	26	16*	6.50	-	-	1
C C Lewis	38	27	7	234	35	11.70	-	-	12
D R Pringle	42	29	12	419	49*	24.64	-	-	11
M R Ramprakash	2	2	0	6	6	—	-	-	-
R A Smith	55	54	7	1898	129	40.12	3	12	18
A J Stewart	46	43	4	1182	103	30.30	1	7	32/3

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	Econ
D G Cork	11	1	37	1	37.00	1-37	-	3.36
N H Fairbrother	1	0	9	0	—	—	-	9.00
G A Gooch	326.2	26	1436	36	39.88	3-19	-	4.40
G A Hick	33	1	168	4	42.00	2-7	-	5.09
R K Illingworth	161.1	7	686	20	33.30	3-33	-	4.13
P W Jarvis	114.3	6	515	22	23.40	5-35	1	4.49
C C Lewis	257.4	19	1287	40	32.42	4-30	-	4.35
D R Pringle	375.3	50	1578	43	36.69	4-42	-	4.20

A R Caddick, M N Lathwell and G P Thorpe have not appeared in one-day internationals

□ Source: TCCB Official Statistics

Australia batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/st
D C Boon	139	135	10	4428	122	35.42	5	25	35
A R Border	253	235	35	6081	127*	30.40	3	37	117
I A Healy	88	56	17	754	50*	19.33	-	1	101/11
M G Hughes	30	16	6	80	13	10.00	-	-	6
D R Martyn	7	6	0	65	40	14.16	-	-	5
T B A May	22	6	3	21	15	7.00	-	-	1
C J McDermott	101	64	14	370	37	7.40	-	-	22
P R Reiffel	16	11	9	77	23*	38.50	-	-	4
M A Taylor	40	39	0	1218	94	31.23	-	11	15
S K Warne	1	1	0	3	3	3.00	-	-	-
M E Waugh	52	47	3	1302	108	29.59	1	10	26
S R Waugh	143	127	32	2875	93*	30.26	-	13	53
T J Zoehrer	21	14	3	121	50	11.00	-	1	20/1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	Econ
D C Boon	4.4	0	31	0	—	—	-	6.76
A R Border	409.4	11	1899	65	29.21	3-30	-	4.63
M G Hughes	242.1	19	983	35	28.08	4-44	-	4.05
T B A May	181.2	6	819	17	48.17	3-51	-	4.51
C J McDermott	309.1	68	3760	148	25.40	5-44	1	4.12
P R Reiffel	143	17	509	23	22.08	4-38	-	3.55
S K Warne	10	0	40	2	20.00	2-40	-	4.00
M E Waugh	139	2	653	30	21.76	5-24	1	4.69
S R Waugh	961.3	40	4266	136	31.36	4-33	-	4.43

M L Hayden, W J Holdsworth, B P Julian and M J Slater have not appeared in one-day international

Northamptonshire opt for early departure

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Northamptonshire

OXFORD University's match against Northamptonshire ended in a tame draw yesterday. The students finished 97 runs short of their victory target with four wickets left and the county decided against pressing for victory with 12 overs remaining.

Oxford, set to score 244 off a possible 66 overs, reached 123 for two at the start of the last 20 overs, but, when two wickets fell in the next two overs, they gave up the chase.

Northamptonshire claimed two more successes at 145 and 147, whereupon Lamb led his players off the field.

Earlier, Oxford — resuming their first innings at 169 for six — lost their last four wickets for 11 runs to finish five runs short of the follow-on target.

Northamptonshire decided not to enforce the follow-on and, instead, reversed their batting order in the second innings.

They were quickly reduced to 21 for three by Jeh and Yeabsley, but Ripley and Loye, who put on an unbeaten 116 on Saturday, again stood firm and took the score to 89 for three before Lamb declared.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 334 for 5 dec (R J Bailey 91, D Ripley 62, M B Loye 57)

Second Innings

A R Roberts c Lyons b Yeabsley	3
A L Penberthy c Montgomerie b Jeh	0
†D Ripley not out	50
N G B Cook c Lyons b Yeabsley	2
M B Loye not out	20
Extras (w 2, nb 12)	14
Total (3 wkts dec)	89

A Fordham, N A Felton, R J Bailey, *A J Lamb, A Walker and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-3, 3-21

BOWLING: Jeh 6-0-33-1, Yeabsley 6-3-12-2, Trimby 6-1-17-0, Montgomerie 1-0-5-0, MacDonald 5-0-22-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Loye b Taylor	9
*J E R Gallian lbw b Roberts	11
C M Gupte c Ripley b Taylor	1
C L Keey b Taylor	111
G I MacMillan c Cook b Roberts	16
H S Malik b Penberthy	13
†C W J Lyons b Walker	4
R S Yeabsley run out	2
M P W Jeh lbw b Walker	1
R H MacDonald b Walker	1
P Trimby not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1, nb 2)	9
Total	180

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-14, 3-22, 4-64, 5-118, 6-156, 7-171, 8-177, 9-177

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie c Lamb b Cook	40
*J E R Gallian c Walker b Cook	37
C M Gupte c Ripley b Taylor	37
C L Keey b Cook	20
H S Malik b Penberthy	4
G I MacMillan st Ripley b Roberts	9
R S Yeabsley not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 2)	8
Total (6 wkts)	147

FALL OF WICKETS 1-48 2-89 3-123 4-128 5-145 6-147

BOWLING: Taylor 11-2-32-1; Walker 4-0-16-0; Cook 18-5-34-3, Penberthy 10-1-37-1, Roberts 11.1-4-22-1

Umpires: R A White and A G T Whitehead

Bears thrive on Argentine skill

By John Watson

THE Guards Club's premier high-goal polo tournament for the Queen's Cup — which is sponsored by Alfred Dunhill, and for which matches are played over six chukkas — opened at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday.

The challenge, having an entry of 14 teams that are divided into four leagues, continues until June 6. The encounter yesterday, from league four, was won by the Black Bears, who beat Cowdray Park 12-6.

There were three Argentinians on the pitch, Cowdray being pivoted on Martin Vidou, and the Bears centred on the Merlos brothers, Pite and Sebastián, each of whom plays off a handicap of nine.

These brothers seemed to get more speed out of their ponies and turn them quicker than anyone else in the game; consequently, they proved difficult to catch. Their twisty play caused their opponents to cross the line on many occasions and incur penalty goals.

The Bears went quickly into a lead they never lost. Oliver Hipwood, the son of Britain's leading player, Howard Hipwood, replaced Urs Schwarzenbach, who was injured in the No 1 slot, and played with great verve.

Cowdray Park, though less formidable and less accurate in attack, played an exceptionally good team game, always marking and backing up faithfully, while Charles Beresford, who played back, thwarted many assaults.

This tournament is marked by the innovation of American professional umpires, one of whom, John Emery, was on duty yesterday.

The contest continues at Smith's Lawn this afternoon, the first duel being, from league two, between Bill Bond-Elliott's Santa Fe and Hans Huhnlein's Franken. The second, from league four, will be between Aspen, who are put together by Doug Matthews, and Hubert Perrodo's Labegorce. Play begins at 3pm. Queen's Cup matches will then be resumed on Sunday.

BLACK BEARS: 1, O Hipwood (1); 2, S Merlos (9); 3, P Merlos (9); back, J Dixon (3).

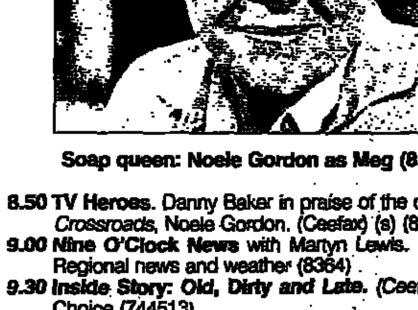
COWDRAY PARK: 1, The Hon C Pearson (2); 2, M Vidou (7); 3, A Kent (7); back, Lord C Beresford (6)

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (41548)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89950136)
9.05 A Word in Your Ear. Verbal communication game. Today's contestants are *Neighbours'* twins Gillian and Gayle Blakeney, Leslie Grantham and George Layton (s) (4577093) **9.35 King of the Road.** Ross King and Anna Walker are on Alderney (2126426)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (5351180) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4126180) ***10.30 Tales of a Wise King and the Devil.*** Animation based on the fables of King Solomon (9715068)
***10.40* Cricket.** *Live* coverage of the first of the three one-day internationals between England and Australia, *from Old Trafford (s).* Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (50137345) **12.55 Regional News** and *weather (18018277)*
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (96971) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (70324616)
1.50 Cricket. Further live coverage of the first one-day International between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s). Continues on BBC2 (70328432)
2.15 Racing From Goodwood. *The* **2.40, 3.10** *and* **3.40** races (885797)
3.50 Pingu. Cartoon (r) (4837703) **3.55 Wild Bunch.** A garden safari reveals hedgehogs, kestrels and worms (s) (5970971) **4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** starring Yogi Bear (7549203) **4.35 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (2189074)
5.00 Newsround (5477600) **5.10 Dark Horse.** The second of a two-part Canadian drama. (Ceefax) (9966426)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (148635). Northern Ireland: *Inside Ulster*
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (109)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (161). Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (2345)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes news of a revolutionary treatment for back pain sufferers and how the French are using lasers to clean their *cathedrals.* (Ceefax) (s) (345)
8.00 Growing Pains. Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce star *in the drama series about the pleasures and pains* of fostering. (Ceefax) (s) (448345)



Soap queen: Noele Gordon as Meg (8.50pm)

8.50 TV Heroes. Danny Baker in praise of the queen of *Crossroads,* Noele Gordon. (Ceefax) (s) (844548)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8364)
***9.30* Inside Story: Old, Dirty and Late.** *(Ceefax)* See Choice (744513)
***10.20* Sportsnight** *introduced by Desmond Lynam.* Boxing from Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland. Bill Hardy makes his first defence of the Commonwealth featherweight title, against former title holder Barrington Francis; Football: highlights of the second leg of the Uefa Cup final between Juventus and Borussia Dortmund. Plus news of Scotland's World Cup qualifying match in Estonia, San Marino v Poland and a preview of tomorrow night's FA Cup final replay (476426)
12.00 Weather (2246551). Ends at **12.05am**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (779653) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** *Scrambled (68407)*

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Personality, Development and *Learning — Piaget (5109906)* ***7.35*** *Utilitarianism:* a lecture by Bernard Williams (9554155)
***8.00* Breakfast News** *(6844513)*
8.15 Westminster. A report on yesterday's proceedings in both Houses (2722616)
9.00 Daytime On Two: Movable Feasts (7088722) **9.15** Shakespeare: the Animated tales. *Twelfth Night* (Ceefax) (168513). ***9.45*** *You and Me* (2503074) **10.00** Words Into Action (4125451) **10.25** Help Your Child with Science (2182612) **10.40** Art Work (9040141) **11.00** Words and Pictures (s) (6180677) **11.15** The Farman Collection (775048) **11.35** Ghostwriter (s) (2268513) **12.05** Stop and Think (8026600) **12.25** Great Experiments (6777744) ***12.50*** Teaching Today (1646426) **1.20** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (s) (76640600) **1.35** King Greenfingers (s) (85238600) **1.40** Zig Zag (70346838)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (12050797)
2.15 Cricket. Live coverage of the first of the three one-day internationals between England and Australia, from Old Trafford, introduced by Tony Lewis. The commentating team is Richie Benaud, Ray Illingworth, Geoffrey Boycott and Jack Bannister (s). Includes **News** *and weather at* **3.00** *and* **3.50** (42329819)



A plea to save Britain's libraries (7.40pm)

***7.40* Open Space: Stamping Out Books.** (Ceefax) See Choice (939635)
***8.10* Living Islam.** *The last in Akbar Ahmed's series* examining what it means to be Muslim in the modern world. He offers his reasons why Muslims feel persecuted, why they believe that they face a new crusade and are preparing themselves to oppose it. (Ceefax) (s) (362971)
9.00 Bad Company. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (7635)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (857451)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (991529)
11.55 Weather (616616)
12.00 The Origins of Anatomy. *This True Book of Ours,* the work of a 16th-century anatomist examined by *Vivian Nutton, Martin Kemp and Andrew* Cunningham (8693865)
12.25am Art in 15th-Century Italy. How the architecture and paintings of the San Marco Dominican priory relate to the religious practises of the order (8696952). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE



Clip-on tie: British Rail's John Arthur (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Inside Story: Old, Dirty and Late
BBC1, 9.30pm

A week in the life of British Rail's south eastern division starts unhappily when engineering work *overruns into the Monday morning rush hour and* commuters face a nightmare of delays, diversions and cancellations. "Peak-wise we've blown it," admits a harassed Geoff Harrison-Mee, the divisional boss. "What a cock-up!" mutters one of his staff. The week gets better, but not a lot, with an IRA bomb and a suicide on the line adding to BR's troubles. John Arthur, an operations manager, is so used to irate passengers going for his throat that he wears a clip-on tie. *It is an unflattering portrait of a service that, in the* words of one driver, is falling apart. BR men try to deflect public anger on to the government.

Open Space: Stamping Out Books
BBC2, 7.40pm

Tory free market ideology gets another bashing in this impassioned plea to save Britain's libraries. Jill Wight, director of the National Library Campaign, argues that a great public service created by a high-minded Victorian desire to improve the ordinary citizen is being undermined by spending cuts. As local authorities trim their budgets so libraries are having to reduce opening hours, *buy fewer books and fire staff.* On top of this is the threat of privatisation, though *librarians wonder who would take on an operation* that is more about enriching minds than making money. Wight is particularly concerned that the inter-library lending service might be dismantled because of "obsessions with the theory of the market place".

Bad Company
BBC2, 9.00pm

The concluding part of Don Shaw's dramatisation of the Carl Bridgewater case picks up the story just after the 1979 trial and charts the long campaign to have the convictions overturned. As before, Shaw sticks to the facts and does his best to be fair to all sides. The four convicted men may have been innocent, as the campaigners contend, but none was a saint and the script does not pretend otherwise. Even the police are shown to be concerned that they may have got the *wrong men. The people who come out worst are the* judges, though Shaw is only quoting their actual words. Angus Deayton plays the journalist Paul Foot and joins the long list of funny men who have successfully moved into straight acting.

Lifeboat: Never a Cross Word Spoken
ITV, 7.00pm

Summer comes to Salcombe and as the resort keeps its fingers crossed for a bumper season there is no respite for the lifeboat crew. It is good to be reminded that lifeboats are manned by volunteers, who receive no pay and lose earnings for time away from work. Hairdresser Mark returns to his salon after three hours away and wonders if his customers are still there. Lifeboat duties have also helped to sour relations with former girlfriend Alicia over their daughter. Brian, another crewman, tries to relax with his family on the beach but knows his pager may go at any time. He says *he only feels comfortable when he is out of Salcombe.* You cannot help wondering why they do it. You are *also grateful that they do.* **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone (6952180)
9.25 Cross Wits. Word game (1428797) **9.55 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather (4039600)*
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion programme (4283819)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62296432)
12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (r) (s) (8327857)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (8185093) **1.05** ***London Today*** *(Teletext) and weather (75745109)*
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (510432) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (519703)
2.15 The View. Loyd Grossman with another selection of viewers' comments on television programmes and the people on them (438884) **2.45 Take the High Road.** *Highlands-based drama serial (5864971)*
3.10 ITN News headlines (3743890) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3742161) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers (s) (8795797)
3.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon (r) (1404659) **4.15 Round the Bend.** Puppets and animation series (r) (s) (5030612) **4.40 The Lodge.** Episode six of a ten-part drama serial about children in care (1406635)
5.10 Home and Away *(r). (Teletext) (4979906)*
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (678971)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (86987)
7.00 Lifeboat (s) See Choice (4513)

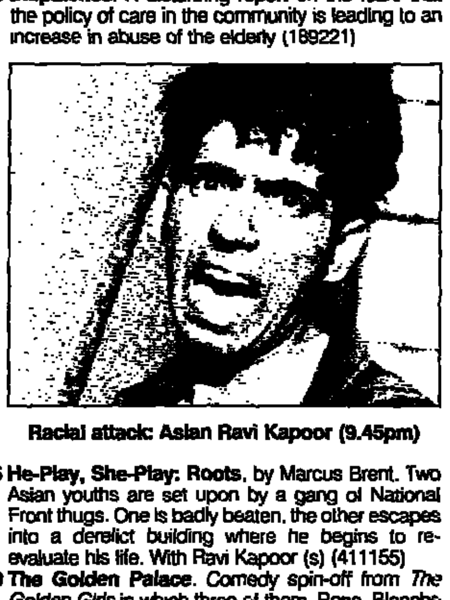


On the shop floor: Ken Morley, left (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Reg Holdsworth (Ken Morley) ponders his future at Bettabuys. (Teletext) (513)
8.00 Film: Short Circuit 2 (1988) starring Fisher Stevens and *Michael McKean. In this innocuous sequel to* the 1986 comedy *Short Circuit,* military robot *Number Five, now called Johnny Five, and his* creator, Ben Jahrvi, become unwittingly involved with a gang of jewel thieves. Directed by Kenneth Johnson. (Teletext) (6258)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (51703) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (699529)
10.40 The Big Fight — Live! From the Granby Halls, Leicester, the WBO middleweight championship bout between Britain's Chris Pyatt and the Italy-based Zairean, Sumbu Kalambay. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt. Followed by highlights of tonight's Football League *play-offs (1367432)*
12.00 Film: The Odd Job (1978, b/w) starring Graham Chapman and David Jason. Off-beat comedy about a bored insurance man who decides on suicide after his wife leaves him and hires an odd-job man to do the deed for him. He then changes his mind but cannot contact his would-be assassin in order to cancel the contract. Directed by Peter Medak (25933)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure-time guide (s) (84310) **2.30 America's Top Ten** (s) (43778)
3.00 The Little Picture Show *(r) (74933)*
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (92827)
5.00 Riviera. *French drama serial (95594)*
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (93575). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American domestic comedy series starring Lucille Ball (30221)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon (8160884)
7.00 The Big Breakfast *(82722)*
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (61180)
9.30 Schools (166513)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins on yesterday's business in both Houses (58616)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (11154) **1.30 Sandokan** Adventures of a pirate (r) (96839)
2.00 Film: Clive of India *(1934, b/w) starring Ronald* Colman and Loretta Young. A biopic of the 18th-century military officer who helped unite India under the British flag. Directed by Richard Boleslawski (449884)
3.40 Praire Album. A short about a woman watercolourist recounting tales of life on her farm, *illustrated by her own work (3309285)*
4.00 My Chinese Father. A profile of a Chinese doctor who upsets his family by deciding to change his career direction (242)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (426)
5.00 In a Rehearsal Room A short ballet film, set to the music of Pachelbel's *Canon in D* (r) (3407548)
5.15 Film: Thursday's Child (1983) starring Rob Lowe. *A compelling made-for-television drama, based on* fact, about a 17-year-old with a degenerative heart disease whose only hope is a heart transplant. With Gena Rowlands and Don Murray. Directed by David Lowell Rich (60326432)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (591682)
***7.50* Party Political Comment** by a member of the Green party (705890)
8.00 Brookside. *Topical soap set in suburban* Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (4703)
8.30 Eat Your Greens. Sophie Grigson prepares dishes using vegetables featured in last Friday's *Grow Your Greens.* (Teletext) (3838)
9.00 Dispatches. A disturbing report on the fears that the policy of care in the community is leading to an increase in abuse of the elderly (189221)



Racial attack: Asian Ravi Kapoor (9.45pm)

9.45 He-Play, She-Play: Roots, by Marcus Brent. Two Asian youths are set upon by a gang of National Front thugs. One is badly beaten, the other escapes into a derelict building where he begins to re-evaluate his life. With Ravi Kapoor (s) (411155)
10.00 The Golden Palace. *Comedy spin-off from The Golden Girls* in which three of them, Rose, Blanche *and Sophia, now run a Miami hotel. (Teletext) (s)* (59345)
10.30 Viva Cabaret! compered by stand-up comedian Mark Thomas with the Viva Dancers. The guests include the Doug Anthony All-Stars, singer Ute Lemperer and comedy act the Two Marks (s) (144884)
11.20 E. N. G. Canadian drama series about a television newsgathering team. (Teletext) (s) (750109)
12.20am Moviewatch. Film reviews by picturegoers in Hull (r) (s) (8699049)
12.50 Film: Maine Pyar Kiya (1989). *The Hindi Nights* season continues with this romantic drama about a *young country girl who falls for a town-based young* man. Starring Bhagyashree and Salman Khan. Directed by Sooraj Barjavata (37051440). Ends **4.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (43884) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8795797) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4979906) **6.00** Home and Away (554548) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (403451) **12.00** The Twilight Zone (92846) **12.30** Mistral's Daughter (478575) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, *Cinema (9784136)* **2.50** *60 Minutes* (3430846) **3.40** Cue the Music (1187204) **4.35** Riviera (13142001) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (95594)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Gardening Time (438884) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (5864971) **3.20-3.50** GP (8795797) **6.00** Lookaround (277) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (529) **10.40** Granada Sports Special (69492093) **12.30** *Mistral's Daughter (478575)* **2.20** *Cinema,* Cinema, Cinema (9784136) **2.50** 60 Minutes (3430846) **3.40** Cue the Music (1187204) **4.35** Riviera (13142001) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (95594)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (510432) **1.45** Home and Away (519703) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (438884) **3.15-3.50** Salute to the Dambusters (1173987) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4979906) **6.00** Home and Away (554548) **6.25-7.00** Central News (403451) **12.00** Tour of Duty (7634440) **12.55** *Film: South of Pago Pago* (855570) **2.50** Entertainment UK (9473594) **3.50** BPM (1167440) **4.50-5.20** Jobfinder (13154846)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (510432) **1.45** Home and Away (25725819) **2.10-2.45** Yan Can Cook (8823835) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8795797) **5.10-5.40** Billy (4979906) **6.00** Home and Away (277) ***6.30-7.00*** *Granada Tonight* (529) **10.40** Granada Sports Special (69492093) **12.30** Mistral's Daughter (478575) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9784136) **2.50** 60 Minutes (3430846) **3.40** Cue the Music (1187204) **4.35** Riviera (13142001) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (519703) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (438884) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8795797) **6.00** HTV News (277) **6.30-7.00** Midweek (529) **12.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (6873049) **12.30** Mistral's Daughter (486594) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema; Cinema (9784136) **2.50** 60 Minutes (3430846) **3.40** *Cue the Music (1187204)* **4.35** Riviera (13142001) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (95594)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Material World **12.00-12.30am** Promotion Challenge

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Loud and Clear (438884) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doc*tors (8795797)* ***6.00*** *Meridian Tonight (277)* **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (529) **11.40-1.30am** Film: The Odd Job (25933) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (95594)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (438884) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doc*tors (8795797)* **5.55** *Tyne Tees Today* (147105) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (529) **12.00** The Equalizer (7634440) **12.55** American Gladiators (7912484) **1.45** Hollywood Report (65310) **2.15** Videofashion (57391) **2.45** Transworld Sport (102812) **3.45-4.45** Music Box (702876)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.45 A Country Practice (784451) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (86987) **12.00** Wanted: Dead or Alive (92846) **12.30** Mistral's Daughter (478575) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9784136) **2.50** 60 Minutes (3430846) **3.40** Cue the Music (1187204) **4.35** Riviera (13142001)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 The Young *Doctors (519703)* ***2.15-2.45*** *Westcountry* Focus (438884) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8795797) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (86987) **12.05** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (8677827) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (486594) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9784136) **2.50** 60 Minutes (3430846) **3.40** Cue the Music (1187204) **4.35** Riviera (13142001) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (95594)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (438884) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8795797) **5.55** Calendar (147105) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (529) **12.00** The Equalizer (7634440) **12.55** American Gladiators (7912484) **1.45** Hollywood Report (65310) **2.15** Videofashion (57391) **2.45** Transworld Sport (102812) **3.45** Music Box (702876) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (5475010)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (82722) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (61180) **9.30** Ysgolion (166513) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (58616) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (46398) **1.00** Little Rosey (92109) **1.30** A Different World (96839) ***2.00*** *Film: With a Song in My Heart* (64559797) **4.05** The Battle Of Midway (8094398) **4.25** Slot 23 (7612155) **5.00** Fifteen to One (5819) **5.30** Brookside (906) **6.00** News (914906) **6.10** Hero (509074) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2155) **7.30** Anifeiliaid Anuthvol (155) **8.00** Y Bit A'r Betws (4703) **8.30** News (597513) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (164187) **9.55** *Film: Moscow on the Hudson* (22523258) **12.10** Our Backyard (7058730) **12.35** The Jazz Package (3875136) **1.05** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46118451) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4102258) **9.10** *Cartoons (6159703)* ***9.30*** *The Pyramid Game* (21074) **10.00** Card Sharks (6728093) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (3918682) **10.30** Concentration (90616) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (58600) **11.30** Falcon Crest (14884) **12.30pm** E Street (25890) **1.00** Another World (6290109) **1.45** Santa Barbara (166635) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (842838) ***3.15*** *Diff'rent Strokes (536600)* ***3.45*** *The DJ* Kat Show (4368708) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7726) **6.00** Games World (4836) **6.30** E Street (8890) **7.00** Rescue (1635) **7.30** Family Ties (4074) **8.00** Hunter (70384) **9.00** LA Law (87600) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (60987) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (28548) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (16631) **6.30** News and Business Report (746068) **9.30** ABC *Nightline (27068)* ***10.30*** *Fashion TV (72074)* **11.30** International Business Report (12426) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (78890) ***1.30*** *Good Morning America (84819)* **2.30** Parliament Live (93500) **3.30** Parliament Live (24612) **4.30** News and Business Report (1987) **5.00** Live at Five (99258) **6.30** News and Business Report (81819) **7.30** Fashion TV (2616) **10.30** Nightline (37567) **11.30** ABC News (84058) **12.30am** Fashion TV (53681) **1.30** ABC News (20876) **2.30** *Those Were The Days (38204)* **3.30** ABC News (40049) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (35556) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (48049)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5501277)
10.00 Tell Me No Lies (1991): Steven Weber is unable to keep his stepson (36906)
12.00 A Twist of Sand (1968): Richard Johnson searches for diamonds (95722)
2.00pm The Greatest (1977): The boxer Muhammad Ali plays himself (84567)
4.00 Joe Dancer: The Monkey Mission *(1991): Private eye Robert Blake steals a* priceless artefact (5838)
6.00 Tell Me No Lies (as 10am) (64703)
8.00 Year of the Gun *(1991):* Andrew McCarthy investigates the Red Brigade in Rome. With Sharon Stone (76548)
10.00 Neon City (1991): Bounty hunter Michael Ironside escorts outlaw Vanity to a futuristic metropolis (948277)
11.55 Angel Eyes: Adult entertainment (670109)
1.25am Struck by Lightning (1990). Garry McDonald teaches Down's syndrome adults to play football (604339)
3.00 Emerald City (1990): A couple moves from Melbourne to Sydney (43914)
4.30 Blind Fury (1989): Sightless Rutger *Hauer protects a friend's son from the mob* (63339). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Court Jester (1955): Comedy starring Danny Kaye (66155)
8.00 Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush (1967): School leaver Barry Evans is *desperate to lose his virginity (61600)*
10.00 The Knack, and How to Get It (1965): Michael Crawford learns about the opposite sex (93451). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Daisy Miller (1974): Cybill Shepherd as an American in Rome (55451)
8.00 Frank Einstein: *Cartoon for children* (35726)
9.00 The New Adventures of Robin Hood: Animated adventures (13277)
10.00 Rogues of Sherwood Forest (1950): John Derek plays the son of Robin Hood (34548)
12.00 The Great Imposter (1960): True *adventures of con artist Ferdinand Waldo* Demara Jr. Starring Tony Curtis (93364)
2.00pm After the Shock (1990): Docu-drama about the 1989 San Francisco earthquake. With Jack Scalia (82109)
4.00 Frank Einstein (as 8am) (7328242)
4.55 The New Adventures of Robin Hood (as 9am) (4233684)
5.45 Hamlet *(1990): Mel Gibson plays the* Prince of Denmark (72022074)
8.00 Rambling Rose (1991): Laura Dern as *a 1930s temptress (34425093)*
10.15 Miami Blues (1990): Policeman Fred Ward pursues psychopath Alec Baldwin. With Jennifer Jason Leigh (823890)
12.00 The Road Home (1989): Donald Sutherland counsels violent teenager Adam Horovitz (15372)
2.00am Cast a Deadly Spell (1992): David *Warner hires Fred Ward to find a book of* black magic (74223)
4.00 Blind Vengeance (1990). A father *seeks revenge for his son's murder (180556)* Ends at **6.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (42600) **7.00** The *Footballers' Football Show (30529)* **8.00** German League Football (10884) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (95258) **10.00** Watersports (75109) **11.00** World Cup Tennis (4192906) **5.00pm** Motor World (4631) **5.30** Duathlon (44890) **6.30** Indy 500 Practice (7180) **7.00** Football: San Marino v Poland (965600) **9.30** Ringside (57242) **11.30** Indy 500 Practice (35364) **12.00** World Cup Tennis (14865) **1.30-3.30am** Football (as 7pm) (76407)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (65093) **8.00** Triathlon (53426) **9.00** Eurotennis (45797) **11.00** Eurogoals (78513) **12.00** Gymnastics (76557) **1.00pm** Tennis: Seles v Graf (586093) **4.00** Golf: Moroccan Open (90600) ***5.00*** *Karting (4364)* ***6.00*** *German Touring* Cars (2068) **6.30** News (8548) **7.00** Basketball (66722) **9.00** Kick Boxing (21068) **10.00** Uefa Football: Juventus v Dortmund (83364) **12.00-12.30am** News (76846)

UK GOLD
6.00am *Jamie and the Magic Torch* (5312703) **6.30** Jem (1472451) **7.00** Flash Gordon (4578187) **7.30** Neighbours (2565612) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8936529) **8.30** EastEnders (8855600) **9.00** The Bill (8942180) **9.30** One by One (8281513) **10.30** Big Deal (5634490) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6234819) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8939816) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2827345) **1.00** EastEnders (5828628) **1.30** The Bill (2826616) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (4038529) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (4427838) **3.00** Dallas (6235635) **4.00** Dynasty (6144242) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4052109) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4325426) **6.00** Neighbours (4428567) **6.30** One by One (8609432) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (4408703) **8.00** EastEnders (4041093) **8.30** *Rings on Their Fingers (4957800)* **9.00** Big Deal (4661797) **10.00** The Bill (8930345) **10.30** Mornin' Sarge (8949093) **11.00** The *Best of the Goodies (6145971)* **11.30** Dr Who (1469987) **12.00** Film: Maisie Was a Lady (1941, b/w) starring Ann Sothern (5470765) **1.40-2.00am** Video Bites (50284575)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (58432) **7.00** RaiKan II (29890) ***9.00*** *Jack in the Box (13797)* **11.00** Stories Without Words (10432) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (11161) **12.00** Secret Valley (32703) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box *(41451)* **2.00** Stories Without Words (2161) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3180) **3.00** Bobobobs (4854529) **3.25** RaiKan II (98231797) **5.00** Katts and Dog (5123) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (8068) **6.00** Fame (38987)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Running the Country **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including *Corelli* (Sonata da Camera, Op 2 No 10); Haydn (Symphony No 71 in B flat); Shostakovich (Suite No 1 for jazz band); Mozart *(Violin Sonata in D, K303)*
9.00 Composer of the Week: Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 1 in C sharp minor; Five Hungarian Folk Songs; O quand je; *Comment, disaient-ils);* Tchaikovsky, transcr Liszt (Polonaise from Eugene Onegin); Liszt (Die Loreley: Rapsodie espagnole)
***10.00* Hits of the Sixties:** Eleanor Bron's memories of the period are best evoked by Gary McFarland's "Soft Samba"
10.10 Midweek Choice: Vaughan *Williams (Fantasia on a theme* by Thomas Tallis); Purcell (O Let Me Weep, The Fairy Queen); Haydn (Symphony No 12 in E); Dvořák (Piano Trio in B flat, Op 21); Strauss (Hab' mir's gelobt, Der Rosenkavalier); Strauss, arr Kempe *(Waltzes from Der* Rosenkavalier)
12.00 New Worlds: Copland (Music for the Movies; Suite, The Red Pony); John Harbison *(Remembering Gatsby) (r)*
1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: See Choice
2.00 Record Review *(r)*
3.30 Berthold Goldschmidt: The first in a series of programmes to mark the composer's ninetieth birthday *Violin* Concerto (Erich Gruenberg: BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes)
4.00 Choral Vespers for the Eve of Ascension, *live from* Westminster Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, with Andrew Green
7.30 Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union: Michael Hall presents *Czech and Soviet* music written in 1968, the year the Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia. Karel Husa *(Music for Prague 1968:* Eastman Wind *Ensemble* under Donald Hunsberger). ***8.00*** *The composer* Elena Firsova and Dmitri Smirnov talk about Moscow student life in 1968. **8.20** Gerard McBurney talks about the influences on Soviet music in the late 1960s. He introduces excerpts from works by Shnittke, Knaifel and *Denisov, and complete* performances of Arvo Pärt (Credo: Boris Berman, piano; Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra under Järvi) and *Sofia Gubaidulina (Night in* Memphis: E. Dolgova, mezzo; men's voices of Moscow State Chamber Choir; *Moscow State* Film Orchestra under Nikolaevsky), **9.15** Hope and Disillusionment. Karel Janovicky discusses Czech *music with Czech composers* and musicians. **10.00** Veroslav Neumann (String Quartet 1968: Moravian Quartet); Petr Eben (Vox Clamantis: Radovan *Lukavsky, speaker;* Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann)
10.45 Night Waves looks at performance art in Los Angeles
***11.30* Towards Expressionism:** Todd Crow, piano, plays Strauss (Sonata in B minor, Op 5); Reger *(Aus meinem* Tagebuch, Op 82 — excerpts); Schoenberg (Three Pieces, Op 11) **12.30am News**
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School *(except in* Scotland: as Radio 5 at 10am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: English Resources — Drama in English (1)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* ***6.03*** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** *Thought for the* Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves *and Brian Hayes. The birthday* guest is the Marquis of Bath
10.00-10.30 Still Lives (FM only): Harry Thompson meets Kaye le Chemnant who has lived in the same house in Guernsey since she was born
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of animals. Read by *Amanda Waring, Jennifer Ehle,* Louise Beattie, Dermot Crowley and Tom Courtenay
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses euthanasia: reports on *maternity leave; and meets the* country singer Crystal Gayle. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' ***Question Time:*** Members and friends of Writtle College, Essex, put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Daphne Ledward *and Sue Phillips.* With Clay Jones in the chair (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with *John Howard*
12.25pm The Age of Innocence: The final part of Edith Wharton's novel **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, *with* James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Head Man: See Choice
2.47 Treasure Islands, presented by Michael Rosen. Jill Burridge considers the impact of Dorling *Kindersley in* publishing (r)
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 The Parts: Alun Lewis reports on the future of aeroplane design, *in-flight entertainment* and airport security
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope surveys the career of the singer/songwriter *Richard Thompson; looks at* new video releases; and reviews Thomas Bernhard's play, *The Showman,* at the Almeida Theatre
4.45 Short Story: For Bo, by Pam Houston. Read by Lorelei King
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: First Round — The South of England. Chairman Robert *Robinson (r)*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 All in the Mind (r)
8.15 Greek as a Treat: Peter France finds out what visitors to Greece think of the country, *and what the Greeks think of* tourists
8.45 Fourth Column Revisited, with Simon Hoggart (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Heather Blazing, by Colm Tóibín. Donal McCann reads the third of ten episodes
11.00 Dear Diary: Simon Brett *presents extracts for May 14*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Head Man: Do You Sleep Well? *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
Jonathan Smith's drama sequence about the British educational system and the professional and domestic lives of its practitioners, ends more tidily than we had been led to expect. *It is also surprising* that such a cliché-free writer as Smith should have roped in that stock character, the gutter press reporter, *to spice up the final play.* The best thing about *The Head Man* has been its proclamation of insider knowledge *of school* management stress. Only a practising educationalist — Smith is also a teacher — could have written it.

Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. *Radio 3, 1.05pm.*
Like most of Hugh Wood's ambitious compositions, his String Quartet No 4 was commissioned by the BBC. The Chilingirian *Quartet* gives this four-movement work its first performance in a live relay from Pebble Mill's Studio One, and the composer himself introduces it. Invited to select the other work in the recital, he has chosen Beethoven's *quartetto serioso,* the *F minor Op 95.* The Chilingirian is the quartet-in-residence at the Royal College of Music in London. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **5.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The Steve *Edwards Soul Show* ***10.00*** *Nicky Campbell* **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan ***9.15*** *Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Mike Harding with Altan in concert **8.30** Celtic Horizons **9.00** Fandango, Flamenco and Fiesta **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Cola **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Schools: Topic Re*sources 7-9;* ***9.15*** *Dance Workshop,* ***9.35*** *Verse Universe;* ***9.45*** *Time and Tune;* ***10.05*** *Drama* Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Cricket: England v Australia from Old Trafford **7.30** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Pop the Question **9.30** *Break a Leg* **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** Sound Business **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** *Newsdesk* ***12.30pm*** *Meridian* ***1.00*** *World News* **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Hallowed Ground **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **3.45** Good Books **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English ***4.29*** *News Headlines in French* ***4.30*** *Heute Aktuell* ***5.00*** *World News* ***5.10*** *News About Britain* **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Assignment **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Sports International ***11.45*** *Sports Roundup* ***Midnight*** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** It's Magic! **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sports International **4.00** *News* **4.10** *News About Britain* **4.15** *Sports Roundup*

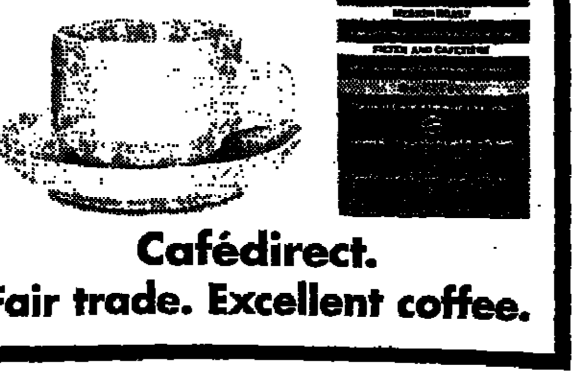
CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Haydn (Violin Concerto No 1) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** Evening Concert: *LSO* performs Sibelius *(The Swan of Tuonela), Rachmaninov* (Symphonic Dances, Op 45) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** *Wendy Lloyd*

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Differing concerns for England and Australia at start of one-day international series

Gooch considers change of role in opening game

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

THE agonising that preceded Graham Gooch's resumption of the England captaincy was forgotten yesterday. Two months short of his fortieth birthday, Gooch was pondering a new role in the side for today's opening Texaco Trophy international against Australia, and speaking pointedly of his wish to stay in charge throughout the summer.

Gooch, while reluctant to vacate the opener's position, hinted that he might bat down the order at Old Trafford today, if Neil Fairbrother is ruled out by hamstring trouble. This would clear the way for Mark Lathwell, of whom most of the country has heard plenty but seen nothing, to make his debut for England, playing where he does for Somerset.

Whatever happens in this opening skirmish, however, Gooch is not about to fall on his sword. India disenchanted him, as it had done before, but one last series against the oldest enemy has remotivated him and he has no desire to hand over his job before he is ready.

Yesterday, he made his position plain. "After what happened in the winter, the selectors were entitled to reappoint me for only half the series," he said. "Nobody was more disappointed and upset than I was about India and we have ground to make up."

But, when pressed on the theory that a new captain might be tried before the winter tour to the Caribbean, for which he is unavailable, Gooch was less philosophical. "I would have thought that beating Australia was the most important thing on the agenda. I don't think we should be worrying about the West Indies just yet," he said.

Quite right, too. There is no bigger ambition for an England cricketer than to beat the Australians. The reverse, as Allan Border stressed yesterday, remains equally true. But the Australian captain, contemplating this week's events, did say: "One-day games come and go. You can't dwell on them. I would sacrifice them to win the Test series any day."

As Border has played more one-day internationals than anyone in the game, he has less reason than most to dwell on them. Two relatively recent games, however, may be on his mind this morning. One is the World Cup match last year, won easily by England to the disappointment of all Australia. The other is the Lord's match of 1989.

"I don't tend to read much into these games, because they are so totally different," Border said. "But winning at Lord's gave us a huge lift and helped set us up for the Test series which followed."

England had won the first of the 1989 games very comfortably. The second was tied. But Australia's six-wicket win in the last shifted the balance of the summer. The Test series was a rout.

For Border, who was at his most genial yesterday, it is too soon to compare the teams of 1993 and 1989. "The mood is as good. I will say that. The young blokes we have make a big difference and the attitude could not be more positive. Getting similar results might just be a bit more difficult."

He admits that the batting and bowling present contrasting problems. "The batting is a nice worry because everyone has made runs and they can't all play. But the bowling is a bit underdone — it hasn't been as sharp as we would have liked.

"Craig McDermott has been off the boil for the last 12 months. Merv Hughes has had his problems with a knee but he now has to convince himself he is fit. It is a psychological thing."

Both will play today, with Paul Reiffel as the third seam bowler and Tim May the specialist spinner. Mark Waugh will have a dual role as change bowler and opening batsman, a ploy successfully tried in New Zealand. "Mark's one of those guys who's half asleep when he walks out to bat," Border said. "You don't do that as an opener and it jerked him into action."

Australia's only doubt last night was whether Mark Taylor or Matthew Hayden would go in first with Waugh. England, by contrast, had any number of batting options, largely dependent on Fairbrother.

The Lancashire captain, who averages 40 in one-day internationals, took a full part in practice yesterday and is confident of playing. If he does, Graham Thorpe will make his debut at No 6; if not, there could be a reshuffle of the order.

Lathwell's debut would captivate the public, such is his reputation already. With Thorpe and Andy Caddick also poised for their first games, England could have four players under 25 in the side.

□ Mike Gatting, who put himself out of contention for the Texaco Trophy when he cut his left hand and forearm in a dressing-room accident at Lord's a fortnight ago, returns to the Middlesex team today for a three-day match against Oxford University.

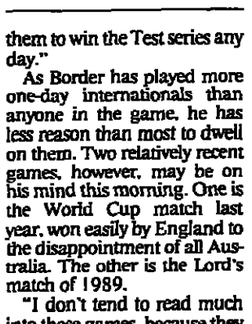
TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), A J Stewart, R A Smith, N H Fairbrother, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, C C Lewis, D R Pringle, D G Cork, R K Illingworth, P W Jarvis, A R Caddick, M N Lathwell, M R Ramprakash.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, M L Hayden, M E Waugh, D C Boon, D R Martyn, S R Waugh, I A Healy, M G Hughes, C J McDermott, T B A May, P R Reiffel.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and B J Meyer.

TEXACO TROPHY FIXTURES: Today: Old Trafford. Friday: Edgbaston. Sunday: Lord's.



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IAN STEWART



Express delivery: Andrew Caddick warms up for his England debut in the Old Trafford nets yesterday

Injured Seles will not defend her title

MONICA Seles, the world's No 1 tennis player, will not take part in the French Open or Wimbledon this year because of the recent stabbing attack on her, French Open officials said yesterday. The Open also lost another big name yesterday when the No 8 seed, Andre Agassi, the losing finalist in 1990 and 1991, pulled out, apparently because of a wrist injury.

Seles has won three consecutive titles in the French Open and seven grand slam titles overall, although the Wimbledon title has eluded her. She won the Australian Open earlier this year.

Seles was stabbed by a spectator in Hamburg last month. She is recuperating at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colorado. Gilles Delamarre, press spokesman for the French Open, said Seles's agent, Stephanie Tolleson, called Paris yesterday to inform them that Seles would not play in the French Open or at Wimbledon.

Steffi Graf, of Germany, replaces Seles as the top seed in the French Open. The seedings are based on the rankings of the Women's Tennis Association. All the top women except Martina Navratilova are entered.

After Seles's withdrawal, the top seeds would be Graf, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Gabriela Sabatini.

The top 16 men of the ATP Tour rankings are the tentative seeds. Pete Sampras is No 1, although the No 2, Jim Courier, is the two-time defending champion and favourite after his convincing Italian Open victory over Goran Ivanisevic. Stefan Edberg is No 3 and Boris Becker No 4. Ivanisevic, of Croatia, is No 5, Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, No 6, and Ivan Lendl and Agassi, seventh and eighth respectively.

The official draw for the French Open is on Friday. Players still can drop out before the event starts on Monday.

Other withdrawals announced yesterday included Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, and Leonardo Lavalle, of Mexico. The three vacancies in the men's section will be filled by Ronald Agenor, of Haiti, Bryan Shelton, of the United States and Diego Pérez, of Uruguay.

Arsenal replay plan blacked out

Keith Pike reports on how the FA deemed latest scheme at Highbury a video nasty

NOT content with a replay in the FA Cup final, Arsenal yesterday unveiled plans for a never-ending succession of them by installing giant video screens at opposite ends of Highbury next season.

For supporters wanting another look at how David Seaman saved a last-minute penalty it was the stuff of dreams. For others — like Tony Adams, perhaps? — it threatened to be a real video nasty.

But if Adams was preparing for the worst, the Football Association came to his rescue. Using the screens for pre-match and half-time entertainment was OK, it ruled, but action replays of the game itself? The idea is a complete turn-off.

Supporters at Highbury will not, then, get the chance to see in slow motion Adams celebrate a goal from Kevin Campbell by dropping him on his head from the top of the Clock End, or stand arms aloft and rage at a linesman for not giving offside when the replay shows Adams himself five yards the wrong side of his opponent.

Neither will they be able to count the fingers Ian Wright uses to let rival supporters know the score (funny how it's always 2-0 when he does), or Paul Merson's admirers get a close-up of him suggesting victory should be followed by downing several huge pints of lager.

"The idea is relatively uncontroversial in that we have no objections to fans being provided with pre-match entertainment, at half-time or at the end of the game," an FA spokesman said. "We have, though, been consulted in the past about them being used to show highlights, and permission has been refused.

"Recently we discussed it with Uefa [the governing body of European football] and their advice was a straight 'no' to showing highlights in the interval or at full time. At the moment I would think our answer would also be an emphatic 'no'."

It is a setback to the north London club, which has invested £2.5 million in the two Sony "JumboTron" screens, seven metres high and five metres wide, as part of its £22 million redevelopment.

"We are trying to give our supporters something extra," David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, said. "It is part of our programme to upgrade the facilities at the stadium. It will encourage fans to arrive earlier and give them extra value for money."

Like the FA, though, the Premier League was unimpressed with the prospect of action replays. "They feel live action could incite the crowd and be a problem as far as safety and security is concerned," a spokesman said.

Supporters, it seems, will have to make do with Dein's plans to screen "interviews with players and action from previous games and training sessions". Maybe Adams dropping Campbell in the soup was not such a bad idea.

Tottenham chairman seeks Crystal solution

ALAN Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, yesterday took another step against Terry Venables in the power struggle at White Hart Lane by writing to Jonathan Crystal, a director, inviting him to resign (John Goodbody writes).

Crystal, a barrister, has been a supporter of Venables in the dispute, which has seen Venables dismissed as chief executive and then reinstated after securing a High Court injunction.

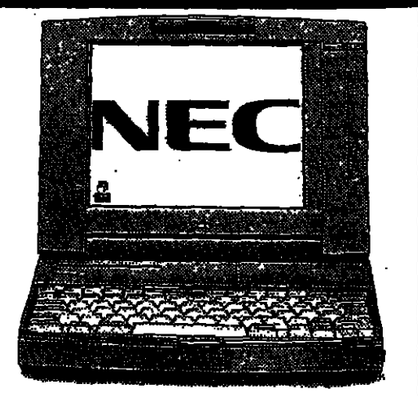
A spokesman for Sugar said yesterday that the board had been canvassed at its meeting on Monday for its opinion of Crystal and the majority wanted him to resign. Crystal was not present. The spokesman said: "Alan Sugar does not want to go to the cost of calling an EGM."

Sugar, the computer tycoon, has already blamed Venables's relationship with Crystal for "everything that has happened to this company in the past two years".

On Monday, the Tottenham board voted to dismiss Eddie Ashby, another friend of Venables, as a consultant. Although the situation seems more fraught at White Hart Lane, Crystal's resignation could help the situation. Sugar has always praised Venables's knowledge in football, although he has criticised the association with Crystal and Ashby, an undischarged bankrupt, since Venables became chief executive in 1991.

Sugar and Venables are due to appear in the High Court next Tuesday to discover whether the dismissal of Venables will stand.

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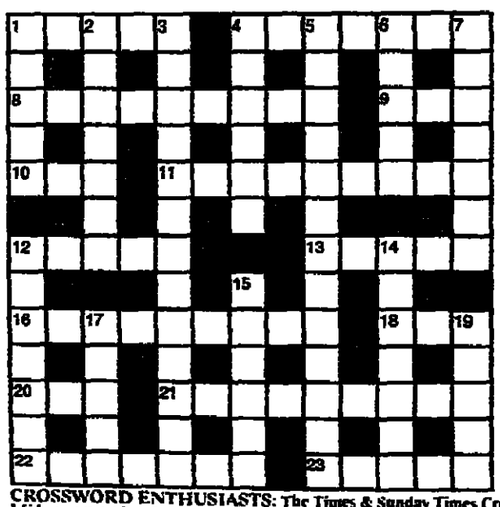
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ACROSS
1 Young pigeon (5)
4 Tranquil (7)
8 Small game bird (9)
9 Rowdy crowd (3)
10 Drag with effort (3)
11 *The Times* nickname (9)
12 Devil (5)
13 Put to use (5)
16 Outward looker (9)
18 Moose (3)
20 Faint (3)
21 Quiet period (3,6)
22 Triangle, pentagon (7)
23 Bright and cheerful (5)

DOWN
1 Flower part (5)
2 Vertical (7)
3 Suddenly give voice (5,4,4)
4 Circle spoke (6)
5 Firm determination (13)
6 Thighbone (5)
7 Freedom (7)
12 Hasten (5,2)
14 Push forward (5,2)
15 Overcome with noise (6)
17 S Indian/Sri Lanka native (5)
19 Sexually quirky (5)

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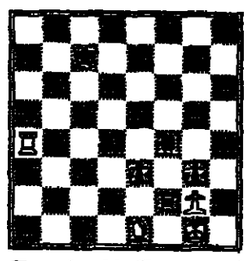
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Vopcheckovski — Sandler, USSR 1982. It looks as if black has a long struggle in prospect to make use of his extra pawn. However, he forced resignation with two killer blows. What were they?



Solution on page 40 Championship Chess, page 6

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

RYOKAN
a. An inn
b. A Mongol tribal leader
c. A yoke for oxen

REGGEON
a. A royal palace
b. A virtual particle
c. A pony cart

JELUTONG
a. A Chinese rice cake
b. A device for copying
c. A latex tree

TAMMAR
a. A river in Wales
b. A wallaby
c. The Nordic limbo

Answers on page 40